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Welcome to Korea:

The Army's 'Assignment of Choice'

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to Korea. Whether this is your first or a return assignment, you can look forward to a rewarding tour of duty in the "Land of the Morning Calm".

You are joining a proud line of military professionals who helped the Republic of Korea become a booming world economic power and one of our best Allies. You are a part of our Good Neighbor Program and the way you interact with our Korean friends makes a real difference in the strength of our Alliance. Every Servicemember, Civilian, Contractor and Family Member stationed in Korea represents the United States. Treat our Korean friends as you would want to be treated.

Korea is an ancient nation with a rich 5,000-year history. The people of the Republic of Korea have developed this nation into a vibrant economy that competes in the international arena with the 11th largest Gross Domestic Product in the world, and the largest ship building facility found anywhere.

For both newcomers and returnees to Korea, you'll see a move towards the best the Army has to offer. You can count on your local MWR, services units and USO to help you look forward to a personally and professionally rewarding experience in the "Land of the Morning Calm". Please take advantage of the many trips and tours to better understand the wonderful culture of our Korean Ally.

From your first day in Korea, you'll become a part of a new vision of making life better for Soldiers, DoD Civilians and Family Members.

United States Forces Korea is in the midst of a transformation that will turn Quonset huts into memories and provide modern facilities on consolidated bases in just a few short years. Service programs will also improve to match the new facilities. Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs along with Army Community Services are just a few of the programs that contribute significantly to Korea being a "Assignment of Choice".



Col. John Uberti, IMCOM Korea Region Commander

Recently, we gathered community members and senior leaders together to sign the Army Family Covenant. That promise is our guarantee to provide a quality of life commensurate with the service of our great Soldiers and Family Members. I remain fully committed to this covenant and assure you that IMCOM will continue to support and expand programs and facilities to support our Soldiers, Families and Civilian work force.

Our Families are in many ways the true selfless servants to our Army and our nation. With that in mind I pledge to continue improving your quality of life here; wholly embracing the Army Family Covenant and the valuable programs available to Soldiers and Families at every garrison in Korea. IMCOM-Korea is there for you and your Family so you can focus on your mission.

The realignment of USFK and the transformation at USAG Humphreys is one of the largest transformational efforts in the history of our Army. This expansion is a key part of the Yongsan Relocation and Land Partnership Plan. All of our garrisons have accomplished a tremendous amount of major construction projects, force protection initiatives and, most importantly, they have greatly increased the readiness and improved the quality of life for our Soldiers and Families.

As you work, live and travel to any one of our major installations around Korea, you will notice that while warfighters concentrate on training, we are the single point of contact for day-to-day installation management, sustaining and improving facilities across the Garrisons, and enhancing the quality of life standards for those we support. Sustain, support, defend!

Colonel John Uberti
Commander
Installation Management Command
Korea Region

What does IMCOM do for the Army Family in Korea?

IMCOM's role in Korea

IMCOM is striving to make The Army Family Covenant and Transformation in Korea reality for the Soldiers, Family Members and Civilians living here. IMCOM's goal across the board is to create and uphold standardized, funded programs and services; increased accessibility to quality health care; quality Soldier and Family housing; ensuring excellence in schools, youth services and child care and expanding education and employment opportunities for Family members in Korea. These initiatives have a single goal: To ease the burden on Families by giving them standard quality of life and access to support services across the Army.

As Command Sponsorship billets increase here, IMCOM-Korea is stepping up its initiatives to meet the demands of a growing Army community. The Army Family Covenant is a top priority for the command, which implements many of the Family support programs available in Korea.

History of IMCOM

The Installation Management Command, a single organization with six regional offices worldwide, was activated on Oct. 24, 2006, to apply a uniform business structure to manage U.S. Army installations, sustain the environment and enhance the well-being of the military community. It consolidated three organizations under a single command as a direct reporting unit: The former Installation Management Agency; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, and the Army Environmental Command, which is a subordinate command of IMCOM.

The command brings together all base operations support services

to ensure optimal care, support and training of our fighting force, overseeing all facets of installation support, including environmental programs, construction, morale and welfare, family care, force protection, logistics, public works, and the planning, programming and budget matters that provide resources for these functions. The establishment of IMCOM was a historic, comprehensive change enabling the Army to enhance quality of life for soldiers, enable tactical units to focus on training, deployment and operations, strengthen combat readiness to prevail in transformation, and support the Army's Vision.



The Army Family Covenant is a reality at Army installations throughout the Korea Region. Providing Family programs and Army support services is a major component to providing quality living for Army Soldiers, Civilians and Family Members in Korea. As the number of Families supported by Army installations increases, IMCOM-Korea is standardizing Family services and program funding across the region to ensure those serving here remain "Army Strong". — File Photo

Installation Management Command *Welcomes you to Korea*



Check out Welcome to Korea Videos online!

Visit the IMCOM Korea Region YouTube Channel featuring 'Welcome To Korea' videos for both Soldiers and Civilians at: www.youtube.com/imcomkorearegion

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DoDDS welcomes students to South Korea



The 2008-2009 school year is underway on military installations throughout Korea. All new families are encouraged to register as soon as they arrive in Seoul at the Community Services Building, Bldg. 4106, located across the street from Dragon Hill Lodge and adjacent to Popeye's. For schools other than Seoul, you will take all paperwork directly to the school office to register your students.

The registration office is open Monday through Friday from 7-11 a.m. and noon - 4 p.m. You will need to bring a copy of the sponsor's orders, the student's immunization records, identification cards and date of estimated return to States or extension (if applicable).

You must also have sponsor and student social security numbers. Children entering grades kindergarten or first should show a birth certificate or passport. All children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Oct. 31.

If your child is not included on your orders, a copy of the Family Entry Approval will also be necessary.

Navy personnel must contact Personnel Services Detachment to acquire a letter stating the names of the children accompanying them. The telephone number of the **Seoul registrar is DSN 738-7707**. An alternate number to obtain information regarding the schools is the **Korea District Superintendent's Office at DSN 738-5922**.

Seoul School Bus Transportation

Off-post residents should register for school bus transportation at the same time you register for school. School bus registration is located in Building 4106, with the school registrar. For information, call DSN 738-5032.

Seoul American Elementary School

With classes in grades preschool to fifth grade, a staff of 113 and 1,200 students, Seoul American Elementary School is one of the largest elementary schools in the Pacific Region.

Known for its extensive curriculum program, SAES also offers programs for special needs students, counseling, enrichment, English as a Second Language, Korean Immersion, Host Nation Culture, computer, media, art, music and physical education programs. SAES offers a Sure Start program for four-year old children identified as "at risk" for educational success.

This program is similar to the Head Start program implemented in many of the school districts in the United States.

Seoul American Elementary School will start at 8 a.m. and will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Students in K thru fifth grade are required to remain at school during the lunch period. For information, visit www.seoul-es.pac.dodea.edu or call the school at DSN 736-4613. Principal: Donna Kacmarski, 736-4613/5978.

Seoul American Middle School

Seoul American Middle serves approximately 600 students in grades 6-8. A staff of 62 dedicated to the academic growth of all students provides an age appropriate program designed to meet the needs of middle school students.

Seoul American Middle School starts at 8 a.m. and dismisses at 2:35 p.m. There are two lunches, noon-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-1:00 p.m.; students are required to remain on the school campus during lunch. For information, visit www.seoul-ms.pac.dodea.edu. Principal: Darrell Mood, DSN 736-7364,

Seoul American High School

Seoul American High School has an enrollment of approximately 700 students in grades nine through 12 and a staff of 74. SAHS offers a curriculum designed to fit the college bound student including advanced placement courses, a Professional Technical Studies program, CISCO Academy I and II, Computer Service and Support, and an Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

There are new courses in reading, algebra support, and Chinese. Seoul American

High School will begin classes at 7:55 a.m., and conclude at 2:40 p.m. Lunch is from 12:30 - 1:10 p.m. Principal: Robert Sennett, DSN 738-5265/5261. For information, visit www.seoul-hs.pac.dodea.edu.

Humphreys American Elementary School

Humphreys American Elementary School is located on USAG Humphreys in nearby Pyongtaek City. The school opened in 2002 for grades K to 6.

There are approximately 250 students in this fast growing community. Students will also receive art, music, physical education, computer technology, and host nation instruction.

There is special education, English as a Second Language and Enrichment Program for those students who qualify. A counselor and nurse will be on the staff.

Registration takes place in the school's office throughout the year. Bus registration also is completed in the school office. Principal: Dr. Joan Islas (753-6313). Contact: 753-6313. For information, visit www.humphrey-es.pac.dodea.edu.

Osan American Elementary School

Osan American Elementary School is located on Osan Air Base, Songtan, Pyongtaek City. The school hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are approximately 375 students enrolled in Osan American Elementary School.

OAES offers the core curriculum and in addition provides English as a Second Language, Gifted Education, services for learning-impaired and communication-impaired students, art, music, physical education and Korean Culture. Extra-curricular activities are offered two days a week. Access to technology education is presented in one of two computer labs for preschool to grade six.

Registration takes place throughout the year in the main office. (784-6912) Bus registration is held in the high school.

Principal: David L Petree, 784-6912. For info, visit www.osan-es.pac.dodea.edu.

Osan American Middle/High School

Osan American High School provides education for 360 students, grades seven through 12. School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students are bussed from USAG Humphreys to Osan American High School. Osan American High School also offers a full academic program to include Computer Service and Support technology classes for students. There is an Air Force JROTC program.

Registration takes place throughout the year in the main office. (784-9076) Bus registration takes place in the Bus Registration Office in the high school. Principal: Marie Cullen, 784-9094/9098. For information, visit www.osan-hs.pac.dodea.edu.

Taegu American School

Taegu American School, located at Camp George, Taegu, is a unit school providing education for Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. The estimated enrollment for SY 06-07 is 675 students. The school hours are from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

There is U.S. Army JROTC for students in grades 8 to 12. High School students may also enroll in reading or algebra support classes. Principal: Keith Henson, 768-9501. For information, visit www.taegu-un.pac.dodea.edu.

C. T. Joy Elementary School

C. T. Joy Elementary School is the smallest DoDDS-Korea school. It is located at the U. S. Navy Support Base at Chinhae. There are 35 students enrolled in Kindergarten to 8th grade. School begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m.

Itinerant special education teachers, school psychologist, information specialist and technology personnel complement and support the educational program. Principal: Dr. Marguerite Green, 762-5466. Visit www.ctjoy-es.pac.dodea.edu.

School Liaison and Transition Services in Korea

Military connected children attend three times as many schools as their civilian counterparts. About one third of spouses and families are relocated every year. When military children move, they are faced with a variety of school-related challenges. Differences in administration, curriculum, and standards greatly affect children's ability to learn.

The Korea Region Child and Youth Services School Transition Specialist and Installation School Liaison Officers offer transition support for children by establishing partnerships between the schools and communities, advocating for military children, increasing awareness of the unique needs of military children and providing a process to address and resolve military-specific education issues.

Some Functions of SLO include:

- Transition Support Services - To help ease the transfer of military children from school system to school system
- Partnerships in Education- Work with installation and community partners to expand services to children/youth and help them succeed in school and community life
- Installation/School Communication - Provide useful and accurate info by building and updating the network of school contacts and military resources

- Home-School Linkages/Support- Provide information and offer services that support the needs of home schoolers (e.g., Army CYS Technology Labs, Youth Homework Centers,
- Fine Arts, physical education)
- Post-Secondary Preparation Opportunities - Assist in preparing youth for the transition from high school to work/college

The School Liaison/Transition Services focus is to assist family members in being advocates for their children's education and in dealing with unique problems facing military children (PCS moves, varying school-to-school academic curriculum and schedules, varying graduation and records transfer requirements). School Liaison/Transition Services helps connect Families, Schools and Communities.

For information concerning School Liaison and Transition Services in Korea, visit Korea Region School Liaison Services Website at <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/slo.htm>. This website provides a wealth of information about the community, local schools, and the installation. It is intended to be an information center for military families for child care options, local school information, and smooth transition and relocation processes.

New online welcome video showcases Army life in Korea

IMCOM-Korea Public Affairs

Installation Management Command Korea Region recently launched a YouTube Channel to give newcomers a preview of life in Korea. IMCOM-Korea's latest initiative serves as a supplement to their official website and gives both newcomers and those sponsoring new arrivals easy access to a comprehensive library of videos showcasing what it's like to live and work in Korea.

The channel features two 'Welcome to Korea' videos: one specifically designed for Soldiers, and one addressing Civilian

employee matters. The site also features informative video content related to serving, working and living in the Republic of Korea. With the click of a mouse, those preparing for a PCS can gain a visual overview of Army life in the ROK at www.youtube.com/imcomkorearegion

"It's a place we need to be," said Slade Walters, IMCOM-Korea deputy public affairs officer. "More and more people are turning to social networking sites like YouTube for information about their next assignment or to assist Soldiers and Families headed to Korea. We need to embrace these

emerging web technologies to ensure that we are provided most accurate, timely, and relevant information possible to our local community or those interested in learning more about living and working in Korea."

"We are very excited about this channel, because it provides us a global, easy to navigate system for sharing newcomer information," said Edward Johnson, IMCOM-Korea Public Affairs Officer. "We are now able to provide up-the-minute news and information to our community in a way that let's them get the information they need, when they need it."

Access to social networking sites is restricted on some DoD networks. Newcomers are encouraged to view the IMCOM-Korea YouTube channel using a commercial or non-DoD computer network.

The IMCOM-Korea Region YouTube channel can be viewed online at:
www.youtube.com/imcomkorearegion

Other usefull channels include:
www.youtube.com/afnkorea
www.youtube.com/soldiersmediacenter

AFN Korea – The Frontline Network

American Forces Network Korea broadcasts news, information and entertainment on radio and television to more than 60,000 Department of Defense servicemembers, civilians and their families serving in the Republic of Korea.

AFN Korea is a multiservice organization made up of Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Department of the Army and Korean civilian employees. The network is organized with its headquarters in Seoul and five broadcast detachments throughout the South Korean peninsula.

AFN Yongsan – Serves Seoul, Camp Market, K-16 and all of Area II

AFN Casey – Serves Camp Red Cloud, Camp Casey, Camp Stanley, Camp Long, Camp Eagle and Area I

AFN Osan – Serves Osan Air Base, Camp Humphreys and Area III

AFN Kunsan – Serves Kunsan and Kwang Ju Air Base

AFN Daegu – Serves Camp Walker, Camp Henry, Camp Carroll, Chinhae Naval Base and Area IV

We provide a range of services designed to keep listeners and viewers informed on important issues and events concerning U.S. Forces Korea, as well as helping make local events more meaningful and entertaining. These services include: providing news coverage of significant command or community activities; conducting interviews with subject matter experts and many of the distinguished visitors to the Republic of Korea; producing

promotional spots and announcements on topics of interest or concern; hosting contests and giveaways on our FM service; and conducting live radio remotes at community events.

Our television and radio programming is derived largely from two sources: satellite services provided by the American Forces Radio and Television Service's Broadcast Center in Riverside, California, and locally produced programs.

On television, programs received from the Broadcast Center include some of the most popular shows back in the United States--as well as live breaking news and sporting events.

Local programs include AFN Korea news stories, "Frontline In Review" and a host of one-and two-minute information spots on a variety of topics important to U.S. Forces Korea.

On the radio, AFN The Eagle broadcasts live twelve hours a day, Monday through Friday with military disc jockeys providing the best in contemporary hits, news and information. The remainder of the programming is provided by satellite services. Thunder AM delivers a variety of satellite programming and is totally automated. Programming consists of country music, oldies, classic rock, talk radio, news and news talk.

To get the support you've come to expect from AFN Korea on planned training exercises, deployments and special events – or to simply find out how we can assist you in promoting your events or activities – log onto www.afnkorea.net to submit AFN Korea's Support Request Form. There you will also find the latest in video news stories and additional information about AFN Korea.



Summer fests welcome newcomers to USAG-RC, Casey



Concerts and festivals like the one pictured are common during the summer months at USAG-RC and USAG-RC.



A juggling clown on a unicycle entertains children and Soldiers July 4. — U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Alun Thomas

by Jim Cunningham
USAG-RC Public Affairs

USAG-CASEY—Evening festivities sparked and wailed with the performances of fireworks, the 2nd Infantry Division Band, and a rock band, which performed past hits of the Pink Floyd band. The dance group, MAX, began the evening followed by The Machine concert, 2ID Band concert, and Salute to the Nation when all 50 states were honored with their flags. The grand finale was a 15-minute fireworks display.

“We are a country of 300 million people,” said Brig. Gen. Joe E. Ramirez, 2ID assistant division commander for maneuver. “Today less than 1 percent of the American people are serving in uniform. You serve today so the American people can live in the freedom you provide. Be proud of your service to our great country.”

Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation provided all the ingredients, which made a successful celebration; from food to music and displays, indicated Ron Fortin, USAG-RC FMWR recreation director.

“The program this year is a toned down program from what we have had in the past,” Fortin said. “The reason for it is traditionally on July 4 it rains us out. We are reaching out to as many people as we can on this event, but our biggest effort will be Labor Day.”

The program came together because of the hard efforts of FMWR, garrison command, units from USAG-Casey and Camp Hovey, said Command Sgt. Maj. Nidal Saeed, Command Sgt. Maj. USAG-Casey. “We had more than 450 people come to the go-kart track, we had 18 for paintball, and all the units participated in softball today, and so at least 1,000 people attended this celebration.”



‘Uncle Sam’ distributes American flags outside Stewart Field during Independence Day celebrations at USAG-Casey, July 4. — U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Alun Thomas

Casey 500 go-kart track opens

by Jim Cunningham
USAG-RC Public Affairs

USAG-CASEY—Testing began for the new Casey 500 go-kart track June 27 behind the USAG-Casey main dining facility. The track celebrates its grand opening during July 4 festivities starting at 11 a.m.

“It was brought to my attention we could acquire some go-karts from USAG-Humphreys,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Nidal Saeed, USAG-Casey garrison Command Sgt. Maj. “We were able to acquire all they needed with the help of Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.”

The program came together with the help of Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers and Directorate of Public Works in producing the racetrack.

Maintenance is the key to success in running a go-kart track, Saeed explained. Support from FMWR allowed the purchasing of \$50,000 in parts for maintenance as well

as safety equipment including helmets, and seatbelts.

The racetrack includes all safety considerations. Department of Transportation approved helmets, seatbelts, and governors, which limit the cars to no more than 30 miles per hour.

“The track will officially open on July 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.,” said USAG-Casey BOSS President Pfc. Rayen Wiley. “It will be open every weekend Saturday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.”

Although the sports department of FMWR has no immediate plans to conduct theme competitions at the new racetrack, it does hold a lot of potential for development, said Ron Fortin, USAG-RC FMWR recreation director.

“Units will have an opportunity to rent the racetrack for a set fee for eight hours,” Saeed said. “The racetrack will be open only during the summer, spring, and fall. We will close during the winter months.”



Soldiers speed away in their go-karts as the green flag raises at USAG-Casey's new Casey 500 Speedway June 27. — U.S. Army Photo By Jim Cunningham

FMWR provides services to Soldiers, families

USAG-Red Cloud Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation services truly are 'Second to None,' with outstanding recreational opportunities for Soldiers, Families and civilian personnel serving on the Korean peninsula. No matter if you are stationed on USAG-Red Cloud, USAG-Casey, Castle, Mobile, Bonifas, Hovey, Stanley, Jackson or anywhere else on the peninsula, there are plenty of quality FMWR facilities and services available for everyone to enjoy.



FMWR Clubs

You will find plenty of good things to eat and drink at FMWR clubs throughout Warrior Country. At USAG-Red Cloud, Mitchell's is the place to go for lunch and dinner or to enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. Their outstanding \$6.95 lunch buffet is offered weekdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People can also order from the menu at extremely reasonable rates.

For dining, Mitchell's is open Monday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Limited menu) & from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. (Full menu) and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Limited menu) 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. (Full menu).

Mitchell's has a new and improved smoking bar that is open Sunday-Thursday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday & US Holidays from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Camp Stanley operates the popular Reggie's that is open Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. The facility is closed on holidays. The bar is open Monday-Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday from 5 to 11 p.m. In the ballroom, enjoy non-stop music video daily from 8 p.m. The most recent addition to the popular Tommy's Bar located inside of Reggie's is the new MPOG gaming system.

The Gateway Club at USAG- Casey is the hot spot for all of USAG-Red Cloud. The club manager is a 2006 winner of the Army's best manager in club operations. The Gateway Club boasts several great food and beverage products, including Reggie's Express, Primo's Express, and the latest addition, the Java Café, featuring Starbucks gourmet coffee and delicious sandwiches and wraps, desserts and more. The rock never stops in the trendy and newly renovated Gateway nightclub with its light shows, big screen televisions, DJ sounds, and live entertainment on a regular basis.

The Warrior's Club at USAG- Casey is another hot spot for those who want to relax and enjoy good live entertainment and great food. The famous Redwood Steak House offers fine dining at extremely good prices with special emphasis on quality Black Angus steaks. The Redwood Steak House is open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday from 11 a.m. to 13:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 13:30 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. The Nap's Food Court is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Sunday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The bar is open Sunday-Thursday from 16:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 16:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A drive over to the Iron Triangle is well worth the trip if anyone is planning to visit Camp Hovey. The club is open for dining Monday-Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. The Iron

Triangle Bar is open Monday-Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m. and Friday and Sunday from 5p.m. to 1 a.m. It is closed on Sunday.

FMWR Bowling

Bowling is very popular in USAG-Red Cloud with four bowling centers offering a variety of special tournaments, league play and open bowling, not to mention snack shops serving everything from our famous Hot Stuff Pizza to Mean Gene's traditional bowling cuisine of burgers, fries, pizza and more.

Camp Stanley Bowling Center is open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and opens during holidays.

USAG- Red Cloud Bowling Center, named the best small bowling center in the Army in 2005 is open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. It is closed the last Monday of each month, but opens on holidays. The last Friday of each month stop in for customer appreciation night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Community Bowling Centers also offers free bowling for Soldiers in uniform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays except holidays. The Camp Hovey Bowling Center offers free bowling for Soldiers in uniform from 11 a. m. 1 p. m. every Wednesday & Friday. To bowl for free, Soldiers need only rent their shoes.

The USAG- Casey Bowling Center is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Bowling at the Camp Hovey Bowling Center is available Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 11 p.m. and Sunday and holidays from 1 to 10 p.m. It is closed every Tuesday.



FMWR Golf

If golf is your thing, then Warrior Country is the place you want to be. There are two nine-hole golf courses here, one at USAG- Casey, Indian Head Golf Course, and one at USAG- Red Cloud, Willows Golf Course. Soldiers have priority for making tee times at both courses, but need to phone three days in advance for their reservations.

The USAG- Casey course is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Reservations are required on weekends, while it's first come, first to play on weekdays. Free golf lessons are offered every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Indian Head Golf Course also offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with hot wings for only 10 cents each every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

The USAG- Red Cloud Golf Course is open from 5 a.m. to dusk on weekdays and from 5 a.m. to dusk on weekends and holidays. Free golf lessons are offered every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

FMWR Community Activity Centers

USAG_RC has four Community Activity Centers for patrons to choose from. Each CAC offers a wide variety of tours and trips, games, Internet access and more on an

on-going basis.

USAG-RC CACs offer everything from remote-controlled car demonstrations and competitions to deep-sea fishing excursions and everything in between, including pool tournaments, plastic model-building demonstrations, table games, shopping trips, amusement park trips and so much more. The "Genesis" urban paintball course at USAG- Casey has proven to be popular with USAG-RC Soldiers.

The Camp Stanley CAC is open Sunday- Saturday from 10 to 9 p.m. and holidays. The USAG- Casey CAC is open Monday-Saturday from 10 am to 9 p.m. daily, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The USAG- Red Cloud CAC is open 8 am to 10 pm daily. The Hovey CAC is open Monday-Saturday from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

FMWR Entertainment Division

FMWR Department Entertainment Division regularly delivers top quality live entertainment to USAG-RC facilities throughout the year.

Comedy is also a major part of the USAG-RC entertainment program, with the "Comedy ROK's" series scheduled every quarter at various club facilities. Nationally known comedians headline free Comedy Night events at USAG-Red Cloud, USAG-Casey, Hovey and Stanley.

FMWR Special Events

Club patrons always enjoy many special events scheduled throughout the year, such as the very popular Texas Hold 'em poker tournaments, talent competitions, fashion shows and more, in addition to their usual Unit Appreciation Nights, Right-Arm Nights, theme nights and other social events for patrons to enjoy.

FMWR Physical Fitness

Warrior Country is well known for its comprehensive sports and fitness programs. There are 8 physical fitness centers, 4 swimming pools (3 indoor), multiple ball fields and outdoor courts in the garrison, all frequently used by Soldiers and other authorized patrons daily.

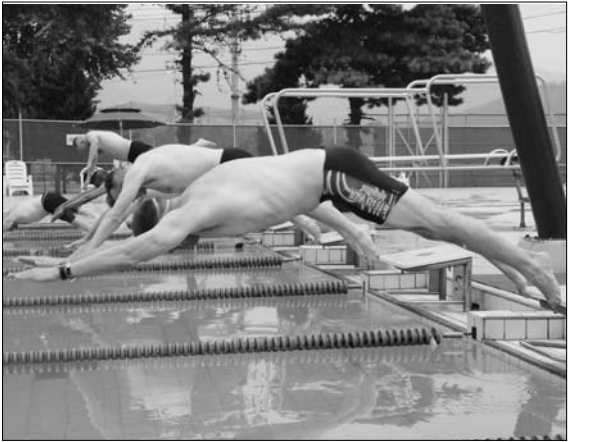
The USAG- Red Cloud Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The USAG-RC indoor swimming pool is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday from 12 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is open Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Fitness Center at Camp Stanley is open Monday-Friday from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Stanley indoor swimming pool is closed Wednesday, Thursday, open Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. They're open Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Camp Jackson’s fitness center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday & holidays from 8:00 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Hovey indoor swimming pool is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is open Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

USAG-Casey has two popular sports



centers to choose from: the USAG-Casey Hanson Field House and the Carey Physical Fitness Center. The Hanson Field House is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday & holidays from 8: a.m. to 10 p.m. The Carey Physical Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, & holidays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

And finally there’s the Camp Castle Gym, open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday & holidays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

FMWR Arts and Crafts

Arts and Crafts shops in USAG-RC continue to provide patrons with an opportunity to learn new skills. Ceramics, hobby crafts, model building, framing and more are all popular with Soldiers, their Families and guests.

The USAG- Red Cloud Arts and Crafts/ Frame Shop is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Sunday, Monday, and holidays.

The USAG- Casey Arts and Crafts shop also offers many opportunities to learn new skills with emphasis on ceramics. It is open Monday-Friday from 12 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FMWR Libraries

Adults and children alike can take advantage of one of the four FMWR libraries that offer DVDs, Internet access, and videos, in addition to a wide selection of books and magazines.

The USAG- Red Cloud Library is open Monday-Friday from 11 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Camp Stanley Library is open Monday-Friday from 11 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Library hours for the USAG- Casey Library are Monday-Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Holiday from 9 to 8 p.m.

Camp Hovey Library is open Monday-Saturday and holiday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is closed Sunday.



Education programs and services of USAG-RC are in accordance with AR 621-5, the Army Continuing Education System . The full ranges of authorized services are offered at four locations, USAG-Casey, Camp Hovey, Camp Stanley and USAG-Red Cloud. They consist of:

- Education counseling
- Vocational counseling
- VA education benefits counseling
- Army Personnel Testing
- Standardized education testing
- End of course examinations
- Undergraduate classroom courses by University of Maryland and Central Texas College
- Distance learning courses up to Master Degree
- VTC courses
- Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST)
- Servicemember Opportunity College – Army Degrees (II-Associate and IV-Baccalaureate)
- Multiuse Learning Facility (MLF)
- In and out processing
- GoArmyEd assistance
- eArmyU assistance
- Financial aid:
 - √ Army tuition assistance (TA)
 - √ VA educate benefits
 - √ Pell grants
 - √ Federal education loans
 - √ Scholarships by local private organization
 - √ Scholarships by colleges and universities
 - √ Scholarships by a variety of US organizations

Most Soldiers coming to Area I are required to in-process through Warrior Replacement Center. There they will receive an education briefing that will be recorded in Education Management Information System (EDMIS). Those who do not in process through WRC will receive an education by their supporting Education Center, or Army Learning Center after arrival in their assigned unit.

All Soldiers are encouraged to get a GoArmyEd ID and password because that is the only way they will be able to use Army TA. Once an ID and password is obtained Soldiers will be able to use Army TA to enroll in college courses 24/7.

In classroom college courses are offered five times a year at each center. We refer to these as Terms and they are numbered one through five. Term one starts in August of each year, Term two in October, Term three in January, Term four in March and Term five in May. Each term is eight weeks long. However, because of scheduled and unscheduled military requirements, this schedule is frequently altered to coincide with the availability of Soldiers. Unscheduled or special courses are available to units that request them. They can be offered at desired locations and at desired times.

Functional Academic Skills Training courses are scheduled each month; however, unscheduled courses are available to units that request them. They can also be offered at locations and at desired times.

For more specific information regarding education related programs and services available in USAG-RC. Visit the USAG-RC web-page.

USAG-RED CLOUD

Camp Red Cloud was named in honor of Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., Company E, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. Red Cloud was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously, during the Korean War, 1950. The camp was memorialized May 18, 1957. In 1953 the camp was established on the Northern edge of Uijeongbu as I Corps Headquarters. CRC also served as Combined Field Army Headquarters until 1992; in 1993 it became the site of the 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters.

USAG-CASEY

Camp Casey was named and officially dedicated in 1952 in memory of Maj. Hugh B. Casey, who died in a plane crash here in December 1951. Casey arrived in Korea in 1951 as a second lieutenant, and served as a company commander in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

CAMP CASTLE

Camp Castle is named after the castle on the distinctive unit insignia of the 2nd Engineer Battalion, which symbolizes the battalion’s participation in the Spanish American War. Camp Castle is located on Route 3, at the North edge of Dongducheon. It was established in 1952. Camp Castle’s installation mission is to provide engineer support to the 2nd Inf. Div.

CAMP HOVEY

Camp Hovey is named in honor of Master Sergeant Howard C. Hovey, who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action July 6, 1953.

CAMP JACKSON

Camp Jackson was named in honor of Pfc. George W. Jackson Jr., 25th Anti Aircraft Artillery, who received the Silver Star medal posthumously for action in Korea Nov. 23, 1951. Built in May 1952 and formerly I-3, Camp Jackson served as HQ 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division until 1971.

CAMP MOBILE

Camp Mobile is named to signify the mobility exemplified through the supply and transport role of the camp. It was built in 1951 as a rough airfield across MSR number 3, West of Camp Casey. Also known as Bayonet Field and A-150 the original PSP runway was eventually extended to 2,000 feet. No longer used as a fixed wing airfield the 2ID still uses the hangers and quarters.

CAMP STANLEY

Camp Stanley was memorialized on March 25 1960. It was named in honor of Col. Thomas H. Stanley, 36th Engineer Regiment, In 1971 2ID aviation and artillery moved in replacing the 36th Engineers who had been there since 1954.



Terms to know while stationed in South Korea

For Americans, living and working in Korea means not only tackling the host country language, but also becoming familiar with Army terms specific to being a part of U.S. Forces Korea. Below are a few examples of uncommon Army lingo that's common in Korea:

USAG

United States Army Garrison, or USAG is the official title used for major Army installations in Korea (USAG Yongsan, USAG Red Cloud, USAG Humphreys and USAG Daegu). For smaller installations, another name, such as “Camp” may precede the name (i.e., Camp Henry).

Ration Control Card

Family members (including children over age 10) living in Korea are issued a ration control card. The card is required for shopping at AAFES establishments such as Post Exchanges and Shoppettes. The ration control card is a means for USFK officials to ensure customers are not purchasing excessive quantities of goods for resale on the local economy.

SOFA Card

The SOFA Card should be carried by all personnel assigned to USFK. The card acknowledges the Status of Force Agreement maintained by the United States and Korea. The card contains USFK emergency phone numbers in English and Korean. If involved in an off-post situation, members of USFK should display the card to Korean authorities along with their ID card. To print a copy of the SOFA Card, visit http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/hot_topics/SOFACard.pdf

KATUSA

Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army is a unique program fostered by USFK and 8th Army. In Korea, males must serve in the military for at least two years. Some of these ROK Soldiers fulfill their military obligation by integrating into 8th Army, to work alongside U.S. Soldiers stationed in Korea.

BOSS

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers is a program in Korea dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for single or unaccompanied Soldiers of

all ranks by providing them an effective voice at the installation where they serve. Soldiers and MWR advisors work hand-in-hand with Commanders, Command Sergeants' Major, and First Sergeants to provide superior leisure programs and help direct the resolution of quality of life issues for Soldiers in their respective communities.

NEO

Noncombatant Evacuation Operations is headed by the Department of State (U.S. Embassy) with assistance from the Department of Defense (United States Forces Korea). It provides evacuation of non combatants from the Korean peninsula in the event of war, natural disaster, or political or civil instability.

AFN-Korea

American Forces Network-Korea provides a range of services designed to keep listeners informed on important issues and events concerning USFK, as well as help make local events more meaningful and entertaining. AFN offers quality

programming and radio broadcasts that keep their audience in Korea “in the know”.

AFSC

American Forces' Spouses' Club is a combined community spouses' organization open to active-duty, retired, qualified civilians, and their spouses. AFSC enhances the lives of spouses stationed in the ROK as well enhancing the area in which they live through a dedicated volunteer program. Each year, the AFSC publishes The Seoul Survivor, a valuable quick reference handbook for Americans living and working in Korea. To download the Seoul Survivor, visit <http://imcom.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/PAGES/local/images/TheSeoulSurvivor.pdf>

COLA

The amount of money designed to help members stationed in high-cost areas overseas to maintain purchasing power so they can purchase approximately the same goods and services in overseas locations as they can in the United States. COLA is based on duty location, rank, time in service and number of dependents.

18th MEDCOM ready, able to care for USFK

The staff of the 18th Medical Command welcomes you to Korea!

The mission of the 18th MEDCOM is to integrate, organize, resource, train, command, control and support assigned and attached medical units in order to provide a comprehensive system of Theater Health Support to the 8th United States Army and all supported forces throughout the Korean Theater of Operations.

THS equals Armistice Health Support plus Combat Health Support.

To accomplish its varied and complex missions, the 18th MEDCOM has many subordinate organizations throughout the country, which include: 121st General Hospital, which provides hospitalization, surgical services, intensive care and numerous specialty care clinics; 168th Area Support Medical Battalion, that provides theater area support for sick call, trauma treatment and preventive medicine at 14 separate locations; 618th Dental Company, providing theater dental support at 14 separate locations; and, 106th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services, performing the dual mission of food inspection and animal patient care.

Upon arrival at the 1st Replacement Company, 18th MEDCOM personnel will assist you with the medical portion of your in processing.

We will provide information pertinent to obtaining health care while you are assigned to Korea.

The 18th MEDCOM operates several troop medical clinics and primary care clinics in Korea. In addition, 18th MEDCOM currently maintains partnerships, with nine state-of-the-art Korean hospitals.

These hospitals feature American educated and trained specialists, as well as English-speaking staff members to assist American personnel and to offer a wide array of services to those serving throughout the Korean peninsula.

For information, call 737-3085, (Commercial 011-822-7917-3085), or visit our Web site at <http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/>

TRICARE in Korea

Upon arrival in Korea, active-duty Soldiers will participate in a TRICARE brief at the 1st Replacement Company. TRICARE Prime enrollment forms will be distributed for active-duty accompanied Soldiers who have their family with them in Korea, as well as forms for active-duty personnel who are unaccompanied.

TRICARE Prime is not authorized for unaccompanied family members and coming to Korea will adversely affect family members medical coverage if they are not command sponsored.

All active-duty Soldiers need to enroll in TRICARE Pacific.

Also during this brief, the TRICARE representative will tell Soldiers how to enroll family members staying in the United States or in other locations what to do if visitors need medical attention while they are here, what to do when traveling and needing medical attention, and how to handle any medical claims Soldiers or family members might receive while stationed in Korea or residing in the United States.

For information on TRICARE, contact the TRICARE Service Center at 736-8558/7236 or visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

Dental, Veterinary Services

Dental care for Soldiers, civilian employees and family member, and veterinary care for pets, is available at clinics across the peninsula.

For additional information on dental service availability and eligibility requirements, call 736-5051.

For information about bringing pets to Korea, logon to www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/129Det/18sub129.htm.

Helpful websites assist employment search

The United States Army Civilian Human Resources Agency Korea Region <http://cpoc-www.korea.army.mil/ag1cp/employment.htm>
offers job application kits, salary tables, benefits and more.

AAFES Employment
<http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp>

Army Employment <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/>

Department of Defense Education <http://www.dodea.edu/offices/hr/employment/vacancies.htm>

Federal Vacancies <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

Welcome to USAG-Yongsan!

by Col. Dave Hall
Commander, USAG-Yongsan

If you are a newcomer to Korea, welcome!

U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan is home to more than 25,000 U.S.

Servicemembers, Department of Defense Civilian Employees, Family Members, contractors and retirees. Nearly 1,000 Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers and more than 3,000 Korean National employees serve alongside U.S. Servicemembers at our nine military installations in the Seoul area.

More than 120 tenant units serve in USAG-Yongsan. Yongsan Garrison is the largest U.S. military installation in Korea. Whatever unit you are assigned to, it is our mission provide community services that you would expect in a small city.

We support warfighters, civilian employees and their families by managing housing, logistics, transportation, public works, Army Community Services, child and youth programs, entertainment, recreation and other essential services.

We also work with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and other organizations to provide a positive community environment.

I'm proud to tell you that USAG-Yongsan won third place in the 2008 Army Communities of Excellence competition. Out of 179 Army installations worldwide, Yongsan is in the top three. Our motto is "Here for you!" I promise you will live, work and play in a community that is worthy of your service.

This newcomer's guide will help to get you on the fast track for a rich and rewarding tour in the Republic of Korea.

After your initial inprocessing, please be sure to visit the Community Services Building on Yongsan Garrison South Post. You'll find activities and classes, such as learning Korean, parenting skills and many other programs designed to assist you and your family during your time here. For information, call 738-7505.

Please be a good ambassador for America. By learning even a few phrases of Korean, you will enjoy your tour and also promote good community relations. There is a lot to see and do in this beautiful country.

I look forward to seeing you in the "Land of the Morning Calm."



Col. Dave Hall

Seoul thrives with culture, modernism World's 5th largest city offers infinite discoveries

by David McNally
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — As the capital of Korea, Seoul is a modern metropolis with conveniences and culture one might expect to find in any first-world nation.

There are many things to do and see in Seoul. Public parks, zoos, museums, temples, cultural activities, concerts, sporting events and even mountain trails are just a few examples of what city life offers.

Life was not always this way in this ancient city.

Before Christopher Columbus set sail for the new world, Seoul was a major city on the northeast Asia. In fact, historians date the settlement of Seoul to 18 B.C. with the establishment of the Baekje Kingdom. To this day, several city walls remain in Southern Seoul dating from this era.

Now, with more than 11 million inhabitants, the city is thriving. It is the economic heart and soul of the Korean people.

During the Japanese occupation of Korea 1910-45, the city was renamed "Keijo." But, with the end of World War II and eviction of the Japanese occupation forces, Koreans returned the city to its rightful name.

The people of Seoul suffered greatly during the Korean War, 1950-53. Millions died. Seoul took the brunt of the destruction. With at least 191,000 buildings, 55,000 houses, and 1,000 factories destroyed in Seoul during the war, residents became homeless refugees left with little more than devastation and hunger.

The Korean people are intelligent and eager to advance. With a literacy rate of 98.6 percent, Korean emphasis on education brings in a large annual harvest of university graduates. The country's top learning centers are all in Seoul.

Twenty four percent of the Republic of Korea's population resides in Seoul and its surrounding suburbs.

In the heart of the city, there is a community of more than 25,000 American Servicemembers, Department of Defense Civilian Employees, Family Members, contractors and retirees. U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan is a "little America" inside the fifth largest city on the planet. USAG-Yongsan offers all the comforts of home with the advantage of exotic tour and travel options right outside the gates.

And, outside those gates, visitors will experience western-style movie theaters, shopping malls, and traditional markets and restaurants. Seoul is a unique city, alive with history and leaning toward the future.



(Top) A twilight view best seen from the top of the Seoul Tower. (Above) The Gyeongbok Palace is one of five palaces in Seoul from the Joesun Dynasty. — Photos by David McNally

Research, take time to plan your move

Special to the Morning Calm

YONGSAN GARRISON — Advance planning for your move to Korea will save stress and better prepare you for a great tour of duty in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

For Servicemembers and Civilian Employees, contact your gaining organization to ask for a sponsor. Sponsors can ease the transition by providing vital information for your move.

If you have access to Army Community Service, Air Force Family Service or Navy and Marine Family Service at your current location, check for relocation information specific to Korea and Yongsan. Make sure you attend an overseas orientation class before you leave. Also, be sure to look in your local bookstore or library and on the Internet for assistance.

For most military and civilians, a sponsor should be assigned automatically. Junior enlisted may have to wait until arrival pending an assignment. Sponsors can get your mailing address, start the paperwork for temporary ration cards and check availability

of quarters before you come.

Visit these sites online to learn more about relocation and life in Korea:

■ U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan: <http://yongsan.korea.army.mil>. This Web site is the official site for USAG-Yongsan. It contains a wealth of current community news and information, along with a telephone directory and important links to local agencies. It also features a comprehensive, on-line Welcome Guide that offers much more information than found in these pages, including features on Seoul culture and attractions. Many of your questions about life on Yongsan can be answered here.

■ Military Homefront: www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil. This site provides relocation information for not just USAG-Yongsan, but also all DOD military installations. Click on military installation, then input USAG-Yongsan. It also features a customizable calendar, to-do lists and overseas information.

■ U.S. Forces Korea: www.usfk.mil. This site is the official Internet presence

for U.S. Forces Korea and provides current information on USFK policies.

■ 8th U.S. Army: <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil>. This site contains an electronic Welcome Guide and the ROK Steady magazine.

■ KOHOM: <http://www.kohomm.org>. This is the Web site for some on-post, government-leased housing in Korea. View floor plans and get other housing details.

■ AmeriForce <http://www.ameriforce.net/relocation>. This site includes an eight-week PCS checklist for moving to Korea, as well as many tips on family travel to Korea.

■ Air Force Cross Roads: www.afcrossroads.com. This has a searchable database on installations, PCS, family and pet travel tips.

■ The Relocation Station: <http://www.defenselink.mil/mapsite/relocate.html>. This has helpful tips on relocation.

■ DOD "It's Your Move": <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove>. This has PCS articles and the "It's Your Move" pamphlet.

Housing: Home is where the heart is

by Carol Jones
Housing Office Chief

YONGSAN GARRISON — Where you will live after your arrival in Seoul is undoubtedly one of your biggest concerns. You should be assured that the Yongsan Garrison Housing Office will do everything we can to make your transition here as smooth as possible. We are a one-stop Housing Center located on the second floor of Bldg. 4106, the Community Service Building. Our hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (open during lunch hour), and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays.

Off-Post Housing

Off-post housing is plentiful and consists of high-rise, mid- and low-rise apartments, villas, duplexes and some single homes. Civilians will be required to reside off post except for positions designated as key and essential. For active-duty military, regardless of service, you can only reside off post if adequate government quarters for your rank and family size are not available. You will then be given a certificate of non-availability and authorization to seek economy quarters.

Regardless if you are military or civilian, do not enter into a lease agreement without processing through the Housing Referral Office.

Unaccompanied Personnel Housing

Unaccompanied personnel are normally assigned to Unaccompanied Personnel Housing on post.

These facilities consist of barracks, bachelor enlisted quarters, senior enlisted quarters and bachelor officer quarters.

Unaccompanied personnel are required to reside in on-post government quarters if available for their rank. Only when UPH is full will Servicemembers be given a certificate of nonavailability and be authorized to reside off post. For additional information on UPH, please call 738-5506.

Accompanied personnel-Army Family Housing

Accompanied, command-sponsored personnel are housed in Army Family Housing located on Yongsan Garrison South Post and Hannam Village.

The Yongsan Garrison Family Housing inventory consists of general and flag officer quarters, senior officer quarters,



Burke Towers is a field-grade officers complex that opened in 2004. Since then, Yongsan has implemented an aggressive program to renovate Army Family Housing and Unaccompanied Personnel Housing facilities. — Photo by Sgt. Seo Ki-chul

command sergeant major quarters, field grade housing and master sergeant housing. Housing for company grade officers, senior enlisted and junior enlisted families is located at Hannam Village.

When you inprocess at the housing office, your name will be placed on the appropriate waiting list for your rank and family composition. Placement on the waiting list will be based on your eligibility date, normally the date you departed your previous duty station.

The bedroom requirement is determined by the size of your family. Couples with no children or with one child are eligible for two-bedroom units. Sponsors with two children are authorized three-bedroom units and families with three or more children are authorized a four-bedrooms unit.

Family housing is normally available upon arrival except for four- and five-bedroom requirements.

Families with a requirement of four bedrooms or more may voluntarily accept a unit with fewer bedrooms than they

are authorized. This may significantly decrease the waiting time for quarters; however, keep in mind that you will be considered adequately housed for the remainder of your tour, if you elect to do this.

The Housing Office provides travel decisions for concurrent travel (family housing available within 60 days of arrival), deferred travel (housing available within 140 days of arrival) and nonconcurrent travel (housing available after 140 days of arrival).

A note on pets: Currently, pets are only allowed for residents of Army Family Housing on Yongsan Garrison South Post. Pets are not allowed in Burke Towers and Hannam Village.

For information on housing travel status or availability of family housing, call 738-3211.

It is our honor and privilege to serve you. To make an appointment for in-processing or any housing issues, call 738-4096.

Moving with pets

by USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Veterinary services are available on Yongsan from the 129th Medical Detachment. All basic shots are provided at a nominal cost.

If you are bringing your pets, you must have the following:

- Health Certificate, less than 10 days old, upon arrival. The original plus two copies.

- Rabies Certificate (the original plus two copies). The vaccination must be current and at least 30 days old.

- Animals arriving without a current rabies vaccination or one that is less than 30 days old will be quarantined at the owner's expense for up to a maximum of 30 days.

- Bill of Lading or Certificate of Excess Baggage with original signature (if the animal is traveling unaccompanied).

For information, call the clinic at 738-5145. From the United States, call 011-82-505-738-5145.

Spouse network helps transition, seek employment

by USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Family members traveling to Korea can expect to find a world of change and adjustments. However, organizations like the American Forces' Spouses' Club aim to make everyone feel at home during a tour of duty in the Republic of Korea.

Organizations like AFSC provide a framework for networking with other spouses.

The AFSC runs a unique store on Yongsan Garrison South Post, the "Chosun Gift Shop," and offers many employment opportunities.

Spouses travel throughout the Far East to purchase items in bulk for resale at the shop. The organization raises thousands of dollars for charity each year.

Spouses also have opportunities to serve as volunteers with the American Red Cross and Army Community Service.

Paid employment is also an option. There are limited jobs available on post; it may take some time and patience to find one, but with determination and a lot of networking, it can be done.

Full-time or part-time jobs are listed through the Seoul Civilian Personnel

Advisory Center and advertised in a weekly bulletin. The CPAC web site is <http://cpac-www.korea.army.mil/main.htm>.

Army Community Service has a family member employment office, with an excellent staff to assist your job search. They are located in the Community Service Building, Bldg. 4106, on Yongsan South Post. For information, call 738-5311. There is also a Hannam Village Outreach Center at 723-6721. Spouse employment and education seminars are held monthly.

Teachers are always needed. If you want to teach at the Seoul American Elementary, Middle or High Schools, either full-time or on a substitute basis, ask at the main office of the school where you want to work.

Teaching positions are also available at the private schools in Seoul. You can either write the schools directly or contact them as soon as you arrive in Korea. They often will advertise in *The Morning Calm* or on bulletin boards at the Commissary, Main Exchange and Town House Food Court.

Review any contracts carefully with the ACS Employment Readiness staff before accepting any position.

Also, even though you will have 60 days to obtain a Status of Forces Agreement stamp in your passport, you must have it

in your possession before you apply for a job.

For youth, a Summer Youth Employment Program is available for military and civilian family members who are full-time students between the ages of 14 and 22. Although many of the jobs are general office helpers, there are also a variety of specialized areas where specific skills and background are required. Parents and students are reminded that one requirement to be eligible for summer employment with USFK activities is to possess a personal Social Security Number.

Parents whose children are outside of Korea should ensure that their children obtain a social security before traveling to Korea if they wish to work here during the summer. Students must also have proof of full-time student status in the States.

For youth or spouses planning to work on the economy, the employer is responsible for obtaining your work visa. Family members should contact Legal Services as to whether the work visa invalidates your SOFA status. For information, contact the ACS Employment Readiness Program Office at 738-8977.

(Editor's note: The American Forces' Spouses' Club contributed to this article)

ACS explains SOFA stamp, A3 Visa process

by Katy Hussey-Sloniker
USAG-Yongsan Army Community Service

YONGSAN GARRISON — We have all heard the two words “SOFA stamp” at some point during our tours in Korea. For some of us, we ignore it - “it doesn’t apply to me.” For others, the mere mention of the words brings confusion, frustration and anxiety.

Quite simply, anyone entitled to this Status of Forces Agreement status (primarily military and civilian Family Members of assigned personnel) entering the Republic of Korea with a passport must obtain a SOFA verification stamp in addition to a category “A3” Visa to reside.

You are required to receive your SOFA stamp within 30-60 days of arrival in country. This does not mean that all U.S. Family Members in Korea will have an A3 Visa and SOFA stamp. Some Family Members are Korean citizens and require no Visa or stamp. Other Family Members work outside the garrison gates and are required to have any variety of work Visa deemed by the Korean Immigration Office.

What is important to know is the “why’s” and “how-to’s” to obtain the SOFA stamp.

What does the SOFA stamp do for me?

The U.S. government has a stationing agreement with every country that hosts U.S. military forces. The SOFA defines the legal rights and obligations of SOFA status personnel and exempts personnel from the Korean Immigration laws relating to alien registration and control only. The SOFA stamp registers the person and identifies them as having protections and rights under our SOFA agreement. Having a SOFA stamp does not exempt any person from abiding by our host nation’s laws.

What about the A3 Visa?

The A-3 Visa is required in the Republic of Korea and denotes the bearer as a “dependent” of military forces assigned to Korea. If the wrong visa was issued before coming to Korea or you entered in a tourist status, Korean Immigration officials will not be sympathetic if more than 60 days lapse before you make an application for the correct visa. Make sure that you receive a “multiple entry” visa when applying for the A3. This allows you to enter and exit Korea without having to renew the visa.

What about a Family Member’s SOFA Stamp/A3 Visa?

The military or civilian member and that person’s assigned unit are responsible for ensuring each Family Member assigned to them has their A3 Visa and SOFA stamp. Many units arrange the SOFA stamps for their own personnel. Some organizations allow in-processing time for their personnel to receive stamps for Family Members. And if you are a Family Member assigned to Area I and living in the USAG-Yongsan area, the 1st Replacement Company Area I liaisons can provide assistance assist.

What happens if I do not renew my Visa in a timely manner?

Many personnel like Korea so much, they extend their tours. This causes A3 Visas and SOFA stamps to expire. You must be mindful to avoid this problem. Allowing these to expire could result in daily fines and being held in Korea until the proper paperwork is completed. Fines can be as high as \$65 per day and are issued at the discretion of an immigration officer.

How do I get the visa and SOFA stamp?

To get an A3 Visa and/or SOFA stamp is actually quite easy. USAG-Yongsan is located in Seoul, the capital of South Korea. We have many options available at our disposal:

■ The Korean Immigration Office is the primary location for any Korean immigration service. The full-service Korean Immigration Offices are located within Seoul and are just a subway ride away. Their locations are in Mok-dong, Anguk and Sejongno. Service offered is “first come, first served” so make sure to pull a number when you enter the office. English is a language that many Koreans study from elementary school, so many personnel will be able to help. Directions are listed on an A3 Visa and SOFA Stamp application packet for pick up at ACS, Bldg. S4106, room 115. ACS staff are always willing to help prescreen your application prior to going over to the Korean Immigration Office.

■ USAG-Yongsan ACS offers a coordinated service with Korean Immigration on the second and fourth Tuesdays during the fall, winter and Spring, from 2-5 p.m. During these summer months, this service is offered every Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. The service is limited to those who have signed into our SOFA log and have scheduled appointments. Appointments are made based on the date of signing the log; those to be scheduled for an appointment will be notified by email two weeks prior to their appointment.

ACS is limited to 50 passports each Tuesday. Some community members signing into the log have multiple Family members; therefore, during peak move seasons, your wait could exceed the 30-60 day window. This service is by appointment only.

■ Another option is Osan AB. Osan is a port of embarkation and has a full-service customs/immigration office located in its Air Mobility Command Terminal. The office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Service is offered “first come, first served,” but usually only takes about 15-20 minutes.

Getting the A3 Visa and SOFA stamp is normally a routine and simple process. But forgetting to renew or not even getting one in the first place could be costly in the long-run.

Through the end of September, SOFA and A-3 Visa stamp service is available every Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. Appointments are required



Shopping with a Ration Control Card

by USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — For Civilian employees and Family Members, the most important thing you may need in Korea, besides a great pair of walking shoes, is a Ration Control Card.

Your ration card is just as important as your military identification card. In short, it is a card that most on-post businesses, like Army and Air Force Exchange, commissary and the Chosun Gift Shop, need to see before you can make purchases.

Officials want to make sure you are not purchasing huge quantities of any item in order to resell. Your sponsor should be able to help provide you with a temporary card when you arrive.

To get a ration card, applicants must attend a training session at the Yongsan Readiness Center. Upon completion of the course, applicants will receive a memorandum to take to the Directorate of Emergency Services, Ration Control Issue Point. DES is located on South Post at U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, Bldg. 4305, Room 105. For information, call 738-4612. Following are some important points about this important card:

■ You will need a ration card for each authorized Family Member (children 10 and up).

■ Don’t leave home without it.

■ During their first two weeks in Korea, Civilian employees and Family Members can shop in the commissary and exchange with a military identification card and a copy of their PCS orders.

■ Family Members with sponsors assigned to 2nd Infantry Division need to contact the Division Liaison Office at the Yongsan Readiness Center across the parking lot of the Dragon Hill Lodge for a ration card.

■ Every purchase in the commissary is recorded in a real-time system based on a shopper’s identification number. The commissary system sends information to a database which automatically generates a violation notice if you exceed your purchase limit.

■ At the PX, ration limits restrict purchasing a maximum of three of the same high-value item. Cosmetics, select health and beauty aids and select wines are some of the high-value, high-demand items.

Ration card process and procedures will be covered in-depth during the inprocessing program at the Yongsan Readiness Center.

Culture classes, play groups help with transition

Culture Classes

Army Community Service offers free classes ranging from learning Korean to discovering Seoul. All classes take place at the Community Service Building. For information, call 738-7505.

■ English as a second language: Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. The classes are designed to assist foreign-born dependents of U.S. Servicemembers looking to improve English language skills.

■ Korean language and culture class: Learn to read basic Korean letters and learn

Korean phrases to improve your cultural experience in Yongsan. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pre-enrollment is required.

■ Seoul Secrets Korean food discovery: Learn Korean food names, discuss restaurant etiquette, and eat in a local Korean restaurant touted as a “hidden secret” by community members. Class is held the second Wednesday of each month.

■ Seoul Secrets Transportation 101: Learn about the multitude of transportation choices Seoul has to offer, such as the subway, express buses and local buses.

Class is held the third Wednesday of each month.

Play Groups

ACS sponsors free weekly play groups for children 6 weeks to 3 years old. For complete details, call 738-6810.

■ Play Works: Meets Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at Hannam Village ACS Center.

■ Wee Play: Meets Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at Yongsan’s School Age Services, Bldg 4211.

■ K-16 Pee Wee: Meets Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. at K-16 Kottage, Bldg. T248.

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Want to read about life in Seoul? Browse our on-line Welcome Guide available at <http://yongsan.korea.army.mil>

What to expect when you arrive at Incheon

When you arrive in Korea at Incheon International Airport, one thing is almost certain - you will be tired and wish you were anywhere else rather than dealing with paperwork.

All incoming personnel must first process through the 1st Replacement Company desk at the airport. Inbound Army personnel must use the 1RC bus to Yongsan Garrison. Soldiers have to use this form of transportation, unless a sponsor has obtained prior clearance from 1RC.

This policy applies to staff sergeants and below. Senior noncommissioned officers and officers can be picked up by a sponsor if they get prior clearance. For information, call 723-6452, or commercial 0505-723-6452.

At Incheon International Airport, newcomers are met by U.S. Forces Korea reception personnel at the baggage claim area. Do not, under any circumstances, try to bring weapons or contraband into Korea. While the customs inspectors are pleasant and helpful, they are also very thorough. Contraband, such as drugs and deer antlers, will get you in trouble not only with the Koreans but also the U.S. Military Police.

If you do not see the reception personnel in the terminal, go through the entire customs and immigration and baggage claim process with your leave form, orders and identification card ready. For civilians only, make sure your passport is stamped. You should look for the U.S. Military Liaison Office located near Gate 14.

There are several exits out of the baggage claim area. If you are unsure which exit is correct, go ahead and depart any exit. You should read the monitors located above the exit doors. Your flight number will be posted with an exit door letter. If you have exited the wrong way, don't worry, you will be able to easily walk to the correct exit. Once you have met your sponsor, they will most likely take you directly to your lodging, but please check-in to 1RC first; additionally, they will also be able to advise you of when and where you need to go for in-processing and orientation.

For civilians only, if you need to go to Yongsan on your own, go through any of the exit doors. You can either take a taxi (expensive) or the Dragon Hill Lodge shuttle (free) to Yongsan Garrison. If you wish to take the bus, look for signs to the USO desk, located at Gate 14.

If the USO desk is open, they can tell you when the bus to Yongsan is departing. Since you will be in permanent change of station status, you and your family members will have



Incheon Airport is ultramodern in its design and was recently recognized as the finest international airport in the world.
— U.S. Army Photo By David McNally



priority above anyone else wishing to ride the bus, aside from any others in PCS status.

If you take a Korean taxi, be sure to have Korean currency. Try to select a cab which has clearly visible identification about both the driver and vehicle. A taxi ride to post will cost about \$50-\$60.

All Military Arrivals

After arriving on-post, all Army personnel must report to the 1RC/YRC, Bldg. 4034 next to the Dragon Hill Lodge. You will have a short briefing, and then check into lodging. Locations for in-processing vary depending upon branch of service. Your military liaison or sponsor (for non-Army personnel) should know when and where you will need to go.

U.S. Army - Army personnel will need to in-process at 1st Replacement Company (across the parking lot from the Dragon Hill Lodge). Call 723-6452.

U.S. Air Force - Members of the Air Force will need to in-process with the Air Force Element. Call 723-8389.

U.S. Navy - Naval personnel begin their time in Yongsan with the Personnel Support Detachment on Main Post. Please call 723-4651.

U.S. Marine Corps - Marines arriving in Seoul in-process with the Administrative Office on Main Post. For information, call 723-7032.

Newly-opened terminal inside Incheon International Airport serves foreign airline passengers

Special to the Morning Calm

Passengers travelling on foreign airlines at the Incheon International Airport should use the newly-opened terminal building. Until now, both domestic and foreign airlines have used the existing terminal.

With the opening of the new terminal building, the moving line for arrival and departure procedures will be significantly changed. Arriving at the existing terminal, passengers of foreign airlines should go through check-in and departure procedure, and get on STARLINE (shuttle railway) at the underground of terminal to move to the new terminal building. It takes about 10 minutes to get to the terminal building including walking. During arrival, take

STARLINE at the terminal building, move to the existing terminal and go through the arrival procedure.

Check-in counters on third floor of the existing terminal will be rearranged. In the past, check-in counters of Korean Air and Asiana Airlines were located on the east side and foreign airlines were on the west side. However, Asiana Airlines will move to the west and foreign airlines will move to the center.

Unlike the existing terminal, the newly-built terminal building is equipped with facilities only for departure and arrival procedures. It has two stories below and five above the ground. Among 30 gates of the terminal building, three are available for the world's largest passenger plane-A380.

Airport Shuttle Bus

Dragon Hill Lodge to Incheon Airport

LV Dragon Hill

06:30 07:00 08:10 08:30 10:30 15:00 15:30

AR Incheon AP (DEP #5) 07:28 08:00 09:09 09:29 11:29 15:59 16:29

AR Incheon AP (DEP #11) 07:30 08:01 09:01 09:30 11:30 16:00 16:30

Incheon Airport to Dragon Hill Lodge

LV Incheon AP (ARR #14)

07:40 09:40 11:40 16:40

Arrive Dragon Hill Lodge 08:50 10:50 12:50 17:50

Arrive Moyer Rec Center 09:00 11:00 13:00 18:00

Departure #5: KAL, Asiana Arrival #1: KAL, Asiana

Departure #11: United, NW, CONUS Carriers

Arrival #14: United, NW, CONUS Carriers

USAG-Humphreys: The assignment of choice

*U.S. Army Photo By Bob McElroy*

USAG HUMPHREYS - Welcome to United States Army Garrison Humphreys the installation of choice and the fastest growing area in the Republic of Korea.

Located in Pyeongtaek, about 55 miles south of Seoul, Humphreys is home to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and other military organizations.

For years Humphreys was known as a small, quiet installation but with the decision to relocate all of U.S. Forces Korea south of Seoul the post is rapidly changing. By 2012 USAG Humphreys will be the new home to United States Forces Korea.

The current population is approximately 10,000—about 3,500 are Servicemembers, the rest Civilians, Family Members and contractors. By 2012 the population should be more than 44,000.

To support the current and future population new facilities are going up all over post that will provide Army-Standard service to all who live, work, serve, train and play here.

Gone are the Quonset Huts, corrugated metal buildings that became an unofficial signature of the Army in Korea; they have been replaced by gleaming new high-rise buildings to house Families and Soldiers in comfort.

Two new multi-story troop billets with their own dining facility will open within the next several months and provide top-notch living accommodations and dining for Soldiers. Recently ground was broken for four new 1 + 1 Soldier barracks that will open in about two years.

This school year Humphreys American Elementary School will open for students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

A 303 child capacity Child Development Center, located close to the family housing towers, opened this year and provides a bright, modern, safe and fun place for young kids to stay while their parents work.

Three new gymnasiums—one is open, two will open within the next month—provide everything from basketball, weight training, aerobics, swimming, stationary trainers and climbing walls. Humphreys also has several synthetic turf athletic fields that support thriving unit and youth sports programs.

One of the most popular facilities here is the “Splish & Splash Water Park” the first of its kind in Korea. The water park features an Olympic-sized lap pool, diving area, water slides and safe areas for young children.

The Humphreys Community Activity Center, recognized as the best in Korea, is home to function rooms, pool rooms, indoor swimming pool, sound-proofed music rooms, a pottery shop, a frame shop and a ballroom for unit and community functions.

Despite all of the changes the garrison is undergoing our guiding philosophy will never change: Provide Army Standard Service for Servicemembers, Family Members, Civilians and Retirees who live, work and play at Humphreys.

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Family members, community enjoy Area III

USAG HUMPHREYS – USAG Humphreys Garrison Commander, Col. John E. Dumoulin, Jr. knows Humphreys and Area III is “the best place to live, work, serve, train and play” for Family Members and Korean Community who stand beside Servicemembers here daily.

Opportunities for Family Members to find fun and excitement abound. Humphreys is home to Splish and Splash water park, a facility designed for all families and their guests to dive in and cool off during the hot, summer nights.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation division, Army Community Service, and United Services Organization offer a variety of events and trips on and off post. Adventures to explore the unique culture, traditions, cuisine and history here.

The Public Affairs Community Relations section additionally offers free culture day tours of local areas and volunteer opportunities through the Good Neighbor Program. As an ambassador for our nation, the GNP serves as a vital outreach program between our Soldiers, Civilians, contractors, Family members and the citizens of the Republic of Korea.



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Humphreys, Area III units fit to fight, defend



U.S. Army Photo By Amanda Merfeld



U.S. Army Photo By Capt. Brad DeLoach

USAG HUMPHREYS - Area III is home of more than 50 tenant units whose missions include aviation, intelligence, logistics, medical and health care. Humphreys also hosts Air Force combat communications and weather detachment units. Air Defense Artillery assets are located nearby at Osan and Suwon Air Bases. Units stationed in Wonju at Camps Eagle and Long have missions in the fields of communication and aviation. All tenant units provide critical services including medical care, force protection and security. Whether by air, land, or over sea --Area III units are fit to fight and ready to perform their missions.

USAG HUMPHREYS - The USAG Humphreys and Area III mission is five-fold, but foremost is to support the warfighter. We do this by providing world-class living, dining, educational, religious, recreation and fitness facilities.

We support the warfighter mission readiness and execution of all military missions by providing airfield and refueling operations and logistical support. We provide office and work spaces including motor pool areas.

We enable the well-being of the Service member, Civilians and Family members by providing excellent onpost family housing, assistance with off-post housing, child care and schools for family members as well as a range of quality of life enhancements.

We continue to improve the infrastructure by upgrading utilities, roads and sidewalks and communication lines.

We protect and preserve our environment with a focused award-winning environmental program including recycling efforts, hazardous waste reduction and education for Servicemembers, Civilians and Youth.

Humphreys is a major point of egress for noncombatant evacuation for Areas I and III Family members and non-essential Civilians.

We also have the mission to evacuate third country nationals and non-essential U.S. Embassy personnel. Evacuation procedures are practiced twice a year to ensure this vital mission can be accomplished.

Humphreys boasts the only fire training area in Korea. Firefighters from installations across the peninsula and Korean municipal firefighters all train at this unique facility.

The Humphreys Training and Support Facility offers state-of-the-art equipment for unit and Soldier use. Facilities include a live fire outdoor range and an indoor laser range.



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Welcome to USAG Daegu

The best place to live, work, serve and train in Korea



Col. Saulnier

Welcome to Daegu, “the best place to live, work, serve and train in Korea.” I am eager to support you in relocating to your new duty station as quickly and as efficiently as possible. For those of you with accompanying family members, my entire staff, including Army Community Service and Child & Youth Services stands ready to assist you and respond to any inquiry in order to help you settle into the Daegu Community.

Daegu, the fourth largest city in Korea, also known as the “Apple Capital of Korea,” is located in a valley bounded on the north by the Palgong Mountains and the south by the Nakdong River. The area of this scenic city covers more than 70 square miles and is approximately 136 feet above sea level. There are four distinct seasons here, with

the climate similar to Washington, D.C. Daegu is one of the oldest cities in Korea with a wealth of tradition in its history.

The Daegu military community offers a well-rounded schedule of Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities through such programs as the Child Development Center, Army Community Service, Community Activities Center, Child and Youth Services, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program and numerous private organizations. We are fortunate to have an excellent club system with a nine-hole golf course. Additionally, the Korean community offers many rich cultural experiences to enjoy. I am certain your tour will both be challenging and rewarding.

USAG Daegu’s web site can be found

at <http://ima.korea.army.mil/areaiv/sites/local/>. For information about your new home, visit your local ACS or the following website: www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil. Those with school-aged children, can visit Daegu American School’s web site: <http://www.taegu-un.pac.dodea.edu/>.

The peninsula-wide newspaper, *The Morning Calm Weekly* can be found at: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/PAGES/news/default.asp>. For information on the Installation Management Command - Korea Region go to <http://imcom.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/>.

COL Michael P. Saulnier
Commander, USAG Daegu



Children participate in a bubble-blowing contest during Community Family Day at Camp Walker's Kelly Gym. USAG Daegu boasts an outstanding variety of recreational and community programs that appeal to community members of all ages. — U.S. Army Photo By Sgt. Na Kyung-chul

Communities of Distinction

USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – Area IV, located in the southernmost region of the Republic of Korea, is home to USAG Daegu, a 12-time Department of the Army and Eighth United States Army Community of Excellence finalist, and the winner of the Department of the Army Community Relations Award for Excellence in 2004. It’s affectionately known the “Best Place to Live, Work, Serve, Train and Play in Korea.”

Installations in Area IV include Camps Henry, George, and Walker, and K-2 Air Base in Daegu, Camp Carroll in Waegwan, and Chinhae Naval Fleet Activity. Other installations include the Pusan Storage Facility and Pier 8 in Busan. Camp Hialeah in Busan was closed in Aug. 2006.

USAG Daegu is responsible for providing base operations services for about 10,000 people who live and work on Army installations from Daejeon south to Busan. Area IV is the largest of the Army’s four geographic regions in the ROK, comprising about 10,000 square miles.

The USAG Daegu headquarters is located on Camp Henry in Daegu, which

is also home to Camps Walker and George. Daegu is the fourth largest city in Korea with a population of about 2.5 million, and is located about 180 miles south of Seoul.

Camp Henry is located on 51 acres in the Nam-gu District. The camp primarily consists of administrative buildings and community facilities to support the major tenant commands. It is home to USAG Daegu, and the 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

Facilities on the installation include an Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopette, Food Court and Movie Theater. MWR facilities include Henry’s Place Club, the Fit-to-Win Center, Auto Craft Shop, Army Community Service and Victory Field, an artificial turf playing surface. Other facilities include the Education Center, a Digital Training Facility and Butler buildings that provide life support for exercise participants.

USAG Daegu was a Department of the Army finalist in the Army Community of Excellence Program in 2000, 2002, and 2003. It has received 12 Department of the Army and Eighth U.S. Army ACOE awards since the program

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Post housing restructuring continues to improve living

USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – Families moving to USAG Daegu will benefit from an array of ongoing improvements that have significantly upgraded on- and off-post living conditions for Soldiers, civilian employees and their family members.

The U.S. Army Garrison Daegu Housing Division oversees Mountain View Village on Camp George. The 10-building, 150-apartment family housing complex renovation is completed. Completed projects include the installation of elevators in every building, and converting two and three bedroom quarters into five bedroom apartments.

According to the Housing Division, the most significant change has been the renovation reducing the number of housing units in each building, while increasing the average living space of the units.

“This was a total restructuring of the buildings,” said USAG Daegu Housing Division Chief, Chuck Youngblood. “We got rid of two-bedroom units and created five-bedroom units to meet the size of our families today.”

The complex now boasts 50 each of three, four, and five bedroom quarters. Also completed was a new community room, the installation of an ATM and an updated public address system. Additionally, new playground equipment and two new gazebos with four barbecue grills were installed. The gazebos included concrete flooring and electricity.

Previously on Camp George, substantial amounts of money had to be spent to affect any kind of maintenance or repair for the air conditioning units. By relocating the units to areas where they are now accessible to DPW, most work can be performed in-house, resulting in greater savings for the government in the long term.

Another new initiative was launched on Camp George recently concerning

assigned parking for residents. Meetings were held to address the issue, and residents or their representatives were invited to attend. A final agreement was reached to assign individual parking spaces for each set of quarters, and stickers were issued for each vehicle indicating the corresponding quarters number. This provides instantaneous visual information to law enforcement if a breach is evident, with the understanding that any vehicle parked in the wrong slot will get a warning and a ticket from the Military Police. It is expected that this mutual solution will result in a decrease in parking-related problems and conflicts in Camp George housing.

In addition to improving comfort inside the apartments, the Housing Division’s ongoing Senior Occupant Program provides building liaisons to address health and safety concerns at Mountain View Village and Camp Walker housing areas.

On Camp Walker, an aggressive front door replacement program was initiated by installing new steel doors with digital personal ID entry codes. The project is ongoing, as approximately 67 doors have currently been replaced. Additionally, all old fencing has been replaced.

Even in the midst of major family housing improvements, unaccompanied and single Soldiers housing has not been neglected. A comprehensive barracks upgrade program is systematically making dramatic quality of life improvements for single and unaccompanied Soldiers who live on USAG Daegu installations. Bldg. 908 (88 spaces) and Bldg. 270 (16 spaces) at Camp Carroll have been renovated and Bldg. 1633 (24 spaces) at Camp Henry, Bldg. 907 (88 spaces) and Bldg. 906 (88 Spaces) at Cp Carroll are near completion as well.

17 UPH facilities between Camps Carroll and Henry have been renovated. On

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Variety of medical, dental, veterinary services available

USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – Area IV installations offer comprehensive medical and dental services for Soldiers, retirees, and eligible family members.

Camp Walker features Wood U.S. Army Health Clinic, which provides primary care to eligible TRICARE Prime personnel of all ages. Care is available for all others on a space-available basis. Services include general adult and family medicine, routine gynecology, optometry, uncomplicated prenatal care, management of common orthopedic injuries, minor surgery, immunization, radiology, pharmacy services, health promotion services, occupational health, mental health, social work services and individual counseling.

The Camp Carroll Troop Medical Clinic offers similar services on a more limited basis, excluding optometry.

For conditions that require more intensive care, the clinic refers patients to the appropriate specialist at Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital in Yongsan Garrison, or one of its local sister hospitals off-post. The clinics have signed memoranda of understanding between the 18th Medical Command and Dongsan Medical Center, Yeungnam University Medical Center and Hyosung Women's and Children's University Hospital in Daegu, Gumi Cha Medical Center in Gumi near Camp Carroll and Dong Eui Medical Center in Busan.

Limited health care is available after hours including initial treatment, stabilization and preparation for evacuation in emergencies. The after hours clinic is staffed with a medic on site and a health care provider on call. Routine and follow-up examinations are available by appointments only.

Bodine Dental Clinic, also on Camp Walker, provides comprehensive dentistry services and some specialty services on an appointment basis. Examination, sick call and emergency services are also provided. Priority of care is to active duty service members.



General dentist, Capt. Joseph Zaremba (left) and dental assistant Spc. Mark Vanwart, treat a patient at Bodine Dental Clinic located in Camp Walker. — U.S. Army Photo By Jang Jin-young

The clinic has twelve dental treatment rooms, three general dentists, one prosthodontist and one hygienist. In addition, two specialists, a pedodontist and an orthodontist from Yongsan Garrison, perform recurring TDY missions on a scheduled basis to support the USAG Daegu community.

For family members of active duty and eligible beneficiaries who are other than active duty (OTAD), routine scheduled care is limited or non-existent and determined by space availability and priority of care. The clinic currently provides annual exams and some dental services to command sponsored family members.

For the majority of dental services, most family members of active duty are referred to the TRICARE Overseas Dental Plan. Treatment is performed by affiliated, off-post, Korean dental care providers. Please contact the clinic for more detailed information or check out the Website at <http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/> and click on 618th Dental.

The medical clinic at Camp Carroll

provides the same types of services, but on a smaller scale. The clinic refers patients needing unavailable services to the 121st General Hospital and civilian sister hospitals.

Camp Carroll has a dental clinic with four chairs, a dentist and a hygienist. The clinic offers comprehensive dentistry services on an appointment basis and exam, sick call, and emergency care. It is located in building S-137, next to the bowling center.

Health services for pets are also available in Area IV. The Camp Walker Veterinary Clinic provides various pet vaccinations for modest fees along with other services including minor surgery and health checks for certification needed to travel out of country. However, there is no abdominal surgery at this time. Pets are seen on an appointment basis except for emergencies at both clinics. More severe cases are referred to the Yongsan Veterinary Clinic in Seoul.

A "Doggie Day Care" facility is adjacent to and operated by the Camp Walker Army

Lodge. The Self-Serve Pet Kennel includes three 25-foot kennels for large dogs and six cages for smaller dogs and cats. There is no charge to use the first-come, first-served facility.

The 168th Medical Battalion operates the medical clinics in Area IV and the dental clinics are run by the 618th Dental Company. The vet clinic is operated by the 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary).

Bodine Dental Clinic (S-220) was renovated and had its grand reopening ceremony on January 6, 2006. The renovation expanded the clinic to 8,000 square feet from 4,800, modernized the facility, and brought in state of art dental equipment. Digital Radiography (real time image and less X-ray exposure per view), a high-tech dental laboratory, and programmable dental chairs that accept either left or right handed operators are among key upgrades that were made.

The clinic provides general dentistry services and some specialty services on an appointment basis. Exam, sick call, and emergency services are also provided. Priority of care is to active duty service members. The clinic has twelve dental treatment rooms, three general dentists, one prosthodontist, and one hygienist. In addition, two specialists, a pedodontist and an orthodontist from Yongsan, perform recurring TDY missions on a scheduled basis to support the community in Area IV.

For family members of active duty and eligible beneficiaries that are other than active duty (OTAD), routine scheduled care is limited or non-existent and determined by space availability and priority of care. The clinic currently provides annual exams and some dental services to family members of active duties. For some dental services, family members of active duty are referred to the TRICARE Overseas Dental Plan. Treatment is performed by affiliated, off-post, Korean dental care providers. Please contact the clinic for more detailed information.

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was created in 1988, and the Daegu enclave was named the Army's best small overseas installation that same year. USAG Daegu was also the winner of the Department of the Army Community Relations Award for Excellence in 2004 for its efforts to build ties with the Korean community.

Camp Walker is located about one-half mile southwest of Camp Henry on a 194-acre parcel below scenic Apsan Park. The camp provides mainly community support activities to the enclave and housing to 100 military families. The northernmost portion of the installation is home to H-805 Heliport, and the central portion is devoted to recreational use, which includes the Evergreen Community Club and Golf Course, Kelly Fitness Center and Kelly Field. Family and unaccompanied housing dominate the southern portion of the installation and AAFES facilities occupy the east side.

Major tenant units assigned to Camp Walker include the 36th Signal Battalion, 168th Medical Battalion and the Daegu

detachment of the American Forces Network-Korea.

AAFES facilities include the Post Exchange and Food Court, Military Clothing Sales store, Shoppette, Gas Station and Car Care Center. Other MWR facilities include a recently renovated Community Activities Center, the Post Library, the Hilltop Club, the Bowling Center, Indoor and Outdoor pools, and School Age Services and Middle School/Teen Centers. Other essential facilities include the Wood U.S. Army Health Clinic, Bodine Dental Clinic, Commissary, Veterinary Clinic, Apple Tree Gift Shop, Soldiers Memorial Chapel, and the Walker Army Lodge.

Camp George is located on 16 acres and is less than one-quarter mile west of Camp Henry. It is home to Mountain View Village, a 150-unit apartment complex leased from the Korean National Housing Corporation. Also located at Camp George are the Daegu American School, the Child Development Center, Family Life Center, and an AAFES Shoppette.

Daegu American School completed a

\$7 million replacement project in August 2007. The project included demolition of one building and tennis courts and the construction of the annex, a road and parking spaces.

The Republic of Korea's K-2 Air Base, located on the east side of the city adjacent to the Daegu International Airport is home to the U.S. Air Force's 607th Support Squadron. It operates a small bowling center, theater, and an AAFES Mini-Mall, Shoppette and snack bar, and fitness center. Camp Carroll lies 22 miles northwest of Daegu in the Nakdong Valley and consists of 473 acres in Waegwan. It primarily houses Army prepositioned stocks and battalion-size units.

Major tenants include the U.S. Army Materiel Support Center-Korea, Army Field Support Battalion – Northeast Asia, 6th Ordnance Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade, 16th Medical Logistics Battalion, Defense Distribution Depot – Korea (DLA) and 1-44th Air Defense Artillery Battalion.

Facilities on the installation include an AAFES Post Exchange and Food Court, Commissary, Military Clothing Sales store, Fitness Center, the Hideaway Club, Bowling

Center, Community Activities Center, Branch Library, Indoor and outdoor pools, Army Community Service, Education Center and a Digital Training Facility.

Camp Carroll features an \$8.1 million Fitness Center, which opened in December 2003. The 46,000 square foot facility features two full-size basketball courts, three racquetball courts, separate Nautilus and free weight training rooms, a cardiovascular fitness area equipped with treadmills, cross-trainers, and exercise bicycles, an aerobics room, locker rooms with saunas and an equipment issue room. In March 2005, the renovated AAFES Food Court opened featuring Popeye's Chicken, Subway Sandwich Shop, Pizza Hut, and an expanded Baskin Robbins Ice Cream outlet.

A new 12-Lane Bowling Center with Strike Zone restaurant opened in March 2008. A new heated outdoor pool with diving area, kiddie area, and picnic and volleyball areas and the total renovation of the multi-purpose Story Field with artificial turf, all-weather running route, upgraded drainage system, new lighting system and new fencing were completed.

Programs, services enhance USAG-Daegu quality of life

USAG Daegu Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – Soldiers, civilian employees, and family members moving to USAG Daegu installations will find many of the same community services they enjoyed in the states. Our programs and services are designed to provide a high quality of life for residents.

USAG Daegu Army Community Service Centers, located at Camps Henry and Carroll, provide an abundance of services to assist families. These ACS programs include the Information, Referral and Follow-up, Army Family Action Plan, Army Family Team Building, Employment Readiness, Exceptional Family Member Program, Family Advocacy Program, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, Army Volunteer Corp, Deployment and Mobilization Program, Financial Readiness, and Relocation Assistance.

Additionally, ACS offices provide other services to include a lending closet, English-as-a-Second Language, Korean language and AFTB classes, SA Prevention and Unit Victim Advocate Training, Good Neighbor/internship program, Mayoral program, well-being council, information exchange and special events such as Spouse Appreciation Day, Child Abuse Prevention, Sexual Assault Awareness and Domestic Violence Prevention Months activities. Both of USAG Daegu ACS's host a monthly Newcomer's Orientation/spouse orientation and tour of the local Korean community.

The ACS satellite center at Camp Carroll is co-located with the Apple Blossom Cottage, which serves as a "home away from home" for family members. The facility has a large screen television, all the amenities normally associated with a home, and a vast array of video tapes with family themes. Patrons can also cook, bake, and relax in a home-style environment. They can even watch television while doing laundry or attend one of the classes given.

Camp Carroll's Apple Blossom Cottage provides various classes including Korean language, cooking, pottery, rice paper-making, doll making, quilting, sewing, cross-stitch classes.

While ACS meets the needs of adults, the Child & Youth Services programs at Camps Walker and George are available for children and youth from six weeks to 18-years-old. Programs include Sports and Fitness (S&F), a Middle School and Teen programs, School-Age Services, and Child Development Services.

The Child Development Center on Camp George promotes the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children. The program emphasizes the importance of developing socialization skills and encourages children to learn through active exploration and interaction with adults and other children.

Camp George CDC provides full-time, part-time, and hourly care based on availability. Full-time care provides developmental services that meet the needs of working parents who require childcare five to twelve hours per day on a regular basis. Part-time care is offered from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

when Daegu American School is in session. Hourly care is intended for parents who need short-term childcare on an intermittent basis. It is not intended to replace full- or part-time care.

Childcare is also available on-post from specially trained Family Child Care (FCC) Providers on Camp Walker. The CDC offers free training for on-post residents who wish to become FCC certified. For more information, contact CDC at 768-7707.

In addition, CYS offers School-Age Services and Middle School and Teen programs. The SAS is a nationally accredited before-and-after-school program for students currently enrolled in kindergarten through 5th grade. The program offers the children a variety of activities from homework help, computers, creative arts, 4-H clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs of America programs, and physical activities. Transportation is provided to the SAS at Camp Walker from Daegu American School. SAS also offers full- and part-time care during the summer months through its widely popular Camp Adventure program.

There are many activities offered through the Middle School and Teen Programs located at Camp Walker. Activities include an after school homework program, 4-H Clubs, Torch and Keystone Clubs, Leadership Club, Photo Club, Fine Arts Club, various workshops, camps, trips, dances, and special events such as lock-ins.

In the sports arena, CYS Sports and Fitness offers football, cheerleading, soccer, basketball (summer and winter), t-ball, coach pitch, baseball, swimming (summer and winter), and volleyball for youth in USAG Daegu. The swim team at Camp Walker makes extensive use of both the indoor and outdoor pools.

CYS also offers Tae Kwon Do and Gymnastics classes for youth during the evenings as well as Ballet (during the school year) and swim lessons during the summers. Tae Kwon Do and Ballet classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays while Gymnastics is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays.

USAG Daegu Morale, Welfare, and Recreation offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities to fill your off-duty hours. MWR facilities on Camp Henry include Henry's Place restaurant and club, the Fit-To-Win Center, a new multipurpose field with artificial turf, and auto crafts shop. Camp Walker has the newly renovated Evergreen Community Club and Golf Course, Hilltop Club, Bowling Center, Community Activities Center with library and framing shop, indoor and outdoor pools, and Kelly Fitness Center.

The immensely popular nine-hole Evergreen Golf Course completed a \$1.9 million makeover in 2007 including improvements to all fairways, greens, new carts paths, driving range, putting greens, practice bunker, and new safety netting and carts.

MWR facilities at Camp Carroll include the Hideaway Club, Community Activities Center, 46,000 square-foot Fitness Center, recently renovated multipurpose field with artificial turf, new lighting, irrigation and fencing, an outdoor pool complete with water slides, diving area, children's area, picnic and volleyball areas, and a new, \$6.9 million, 12-lane bowling center



USAG Daegu BOSS representative, Cpl. Aleshia A. Fenner conducts an ice-breaker for a group of BOSS staff members during the 2008 BOSS Forum held in Camp Walker's Evergreen Community Club, Jan. 29. — U.S. Army Photo By Sgt. Na Kyung-chul

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Planned improvements also include a \$12.6 million Community Activity Center at Camp Carroll. The facility will boast game and TV rooms, a computer lab, large branch library, two large ballrooms to facilitate special events and activities and an outdoor amphitheater.

A Department of Defense Dependents' School is located on Camp George. The Daegu American School serves grades kindergarten through 12 and has an enrollment of about 700 students. It offers a wide variety of sports programs including baseball, softball, soccer, football, wrestling, cross-country, basketball and volleyball. Other extracurricular activities include yearbook, newspaper, drama, student council, National Honor Society, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

For adults, Army Education Centers on Camps Henry and Carroll offer a variety of educational and training programs.

The education centers offer an MOS reference library, military correspondence courses, computer and multimedia laboratory with Internet access, and self-development programs. Testing services include DANTES and CLEP tests, national certification exams,

and Army personnel testing.

Functional Academic Skills Training and MOS improvement training is provided for soldier development.

Central Texas College, the University of Maryland University College and the University of Phoenix give soldiers an opportunity to earn a college degree. Central Texas College offers associate degree and certificate programs, University of Maryland University College offers associate and bachelor degree programs, and the University of Phoenix offers a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in a classroom environment. Additionally, distance education classes at all levels are available from a variety of accredited colleges and universities.

Digital training facilities at Camps Carroll and Henry offer more than 600 military occupational specialty and specialty training courses through the Distance Learning Program using multi-media technologies such as computers, the Internet, CD-ROM and video tele-training.

USAG Daegu also offers a variety of lodging facilities for transient soldiers, civilian employees, and their families. The Walker Army Lodge is a three-story, 60-room, \$8.5 million facility that opened in 2002. Both standard rooms and suites are available. A new 50-room Army lodge at Camp Carroll opened in Nov. 2006.

Other lodging facilities in USAG Daegu include, the 24-room Camp Walker Army Lodging Annex next to Kelly Fitness Center and distinguished visitor quarters.

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Camp Walker, the fire alarm upgrade from an analog to a digital system is still ongoing with nine barracks and BOQs already completed and three more to go. Plans are also underway to completely renovate eight barracks facilities very soon.

The most significant initiative to impact Unaccompanied Housing in a long time will be the First Sgt.'s Barracks Initiative. This program will significantly change the fundamental process of how UPH is managed and administered worldwide and on the Korean Peninsula. The concept is to allow civilian assumption of oversight and management of the barracks, thus releasing significant management responsibilities

from the military. This will substantially relieve military personnel from performing housing functions and enable them to focus more on warfighting training and missions. Along with this is the aggressive funding of facilities improvement and elimination of the 2+2 living configuration. Undoubtedly, this will improve the quality of living for the Soldier by enhancing and improving living quarters amenities. USAG Daegu is consistently in the forefront of the revolutionary changes in planning and preparedness for FSBI's imminent deployment within the near future on the Korean peninsula.

Weather forecast... fairly mild throughout the year

The seasons in Korea change very gradually, and there is seldom any “unseasonable” weather. The winters are cold and dry with the coldest temperatures seldom reaching zero at any time during the winter. The average daily maximum reaches into the mid 30s with occasional daytime temperature into the 40 or 50-degree ranges. There is little snowfall accumulation in the Seoul area. Light northwesterly winds prevail during the winter. Spring time average daily high temperatures reach into the low 70s. A rain season of three to five weeks begins in late June or early July. The average daily temperature are in the middle to upper 80s in the summer, with high humidity and light southwesterly winds.

The Korean peninsula extends south from the Asian mainland for some

525 miles varying from 100 to 130 miles wide. The peninsula is one of the most mountainous areas in the world with only 20 percent of its land flat enough for agriculture. Forming a natural land bridge between the Asian mainland and Japan, Korea separates the Yellow Sea on its west from the Sea of Japan (called the East Sea by Koreans).

The Republic of Korea is roughly the size of the state of Virginia. Mid-September to mid-November is the fall season with a gradual transition from summer to winter. September and October experience a marked drop in rainfall, and the weather is mild and pleasant. Chejudo, an island off the southern coast is temperate year-round.

Korea's DMZ



Capt. Daniel Jordon and two Republic of Korea soldiers monitor activity along the Demilitarized Zone.

Take a day trip to Panmunjom

Special to the Morning Calm

PANMUNJOM — A day trip to the Korean Demilitarized Zone can be a surreal experience. Panmunjom is a heavily fortified encampment, patrolled at all times by Korean soldiers in stoic silence. Rigid protocol dictates that visitors are not to wave, shout or gesticulate in any way toward North Korean guards positioned just yards away. For the most part, it's exactly what one would expect from such a place. But the DMZ reveals a few surprises. It may be the last place one would expect to find a popular tourist attraction with a gift shop and a one-hole golf course.

The Korean DMZ is perhaps the most heavily defended border in the world today — the only place where large armies still stand toe-to-toe in formidable opposition. The Korean War began on a Sunday morning in 1950 when the North Koreans struck South Korea in a pre-dawn infantry and artillery assault. Over the next three years it is estimated that about one million South Koreans were killed or went missing in the conflict. An additional 33,686 U.S. Servicemembers perished in battle at places with names like “Heartbreak Ridge” and “Pork Chop Hill.”

Almost exactly three years after the conflict began, a cease-fire was declared on July 27, 1953 and since that time North and South Korea have been separated by

one of the world's most intensely guarded borders. The Korean DMZ cuts across the peninsula near the 38th parallel along the line of fighting positions held by each side when the cease-fire was called.

That cease-fire remains in effect today. A journey to the DMZ can help illustrate the importance of the U.S. military presence in Korea, and the vital partnership of the US-ROK Alliance. Interesting sites to visit at the DMZ include Dorasan Station, a railroad that runs between the two Koreas; the Third Tunnel, one of four known tunnels constructed by North Korea; The Military Armistice Commission Building in which negotiations between North and South are held; the ornate Pagoda at the Freedom House and the Bridge of No Return, a historic remnant of the Cold War era, which crosses the DMZ in the Joint Security Area. The bridge is especially noteworthy. It was used for prisoner exchanges at the end of the Korean War in 1953. The name originates from the fact that prisoners were given the choice to remain in the country of their captivity or cross over to the other country. But if they chose to cross the bridge, they would never be allowed to return.

Servicemembers, Civilians and Family Members are encouraged to visit the DMZ while stationed in Korea. For more information on the USO's tour schedule or to make reservations to visit the DMZ, call DSN 795-3063/3028 or DSN 724-7781.

A Republic of Korea Soldier stands guard on the Bridge of No Return. The bridge is a historic site traversing the Demilitarized Zone in the Joint Security Area. Citizens of both Koreas have crossed the bridge in the past, never to look back.



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Yongsan Readiness Center provides one-stop newcomer orientation program

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YONGSAN GARRISON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA – The Yongsan Readiness Center, the central inprocessing and orientation center for nearly everyone on orders to Korea, will start a new four-day program Aug. 1.

YRC officials reorganized the current five-day program into four days.

“We did this so we could get Soldiers out to their units faster,” said Capt. Desiree Dirige, YRC commander. “After analyzing the schedule, we realized there was some down time that we could use better, and this makes more efficient use of Soldiers’ time.”

The YRC is designed to be a one-stop central inprocessing and orientation center for Soldiers and Civilians and their Families who will live in Areas II, III and IV. It first opened in August 2007 under an initiative by former USFK Commander Gen. B.B. Bell to provide in-depth orientation for newcomers to Korea.

While Soldiers must attend the entire four days, Civilians and Family Members must attend two of the four days.

Soldiers who will be assigned to 2nd Infantry Division will inprocess at the Warrior Readiness Center located at Camp Stanley, Dirige said.

New arrivals initially check in with the 1st Replacement Company, from arrival at the airport through the next full duty day, referred to as “Day 0.” The YRC takes over from there.

“We call our four days of inprocessing Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta, respectively,” Dirige explained. “They rotate and are not tied to any specific day of the week. If you arrive Tuesday evening, then Wednesday is your Day 0 with the 1RC and Thursday is your Day Alpha, Bravo, Charlie or Delta, depending on the briefing schedule for the current week.”

Two days of orientation for Soldiers consist of briefings introducing them to policies, regulations, and readiness training inherent to Korea, including Department of the Army-mandated personal financial management training for first-term Soldiers.

Civilian Employees and Family Members join in on Charlie and Delta days, which focus on available family and community programs, ration card process and procedures, and Korean culture, including a trip to the Korean War Museum adjacent to Yongsan Main Post.

For Yongsan-based families, Army Community Service hosts an hour-long windshield tour of Yongsan Garrison, which began July 11.

“Everyone loves the cultural sessions,” Dirige said. “The feedback we get shows that is the highlight of the training, and they want more.”

Spouses, Civilians, and Family Members eligible for ration cards must attend Charlie and Delta days as a prerequisite to getting a ration card.

The YRC also has a free child-care facility on-site with a capacity of 15 children.

“The program has really become a family-friendly experience,” Dirige said. “We want your first impressions of Korea to be positive.”



Child Development Center contact info

<i>Korea Region</i>	<i>Yongsan Garrison:</i>	<i>USAG</i>
<i>information:</i>	738-3406	<i>Humphreys:</i>
724-3205	<i>Camp George:</i>	753-8501
	768-7707	

KATUSA Program symbol of U.S., Korea Alliance Soldiers who wear U.S. Army uniform, Republic of Korea flag

In Korea, healthy males must serve in the military for a period of at least two years. Some of these young men perform their obligation to their country by becoming integrated into the 8th U.S. Army through a unique program known as Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army.

KATUSA Soldiers are Republic of Korea Army soldiers who serve under the U.S. chain of command, but are commanded by the ROK Army in personnel management.

The KATUSA program began in July 1950, through an informal agreement between the ROK president and Gen. Douglas MacArthur to augment U.S. forces during the early stages of the Korean War. Until 1982, KATUSA Soldiers were selected from either the Army Basic Military Training Center or cadres of ROK Army units.

Currently, KATUSA Soldiers are chosen randomly among a pool comprised of those who have demonstrated English proficiency as measured by a standardized test.

The KATUSA program is important because KATUSA Soldiers comprise approximately 10 percent of the total 8th U.S. Army manpower in Korea, with more than 3,500 KATUSA Soldiers serving side-by-side with U.S. Soldiers. The program also serves as a combat multiplier and increases combat readiness for the U.S. and ROK combined defense capability throughout the Korean peninsula.

In addition, the program is symbolic of

the U.S and ROK friendship and mutual support system.

Because of their limited service time, KATUSA Soldiers have a promotion system that differs from U.S. Soldiers.

While their American counterparts gain promotion by amassing points and attending boards, KATUSA Soldiers serve in a rank for a specified period of time and are then automatically promoted to the next highest rank.

For example, they serve six months as a private, six months as a private first class, six months as a corporal and six months as a sergeant. KATUSA Soldiers are allowed leave time when they are promoted and can earn passes for outstanding job performance.

They are also granted passes for emergencies and extenuating family circumstances.

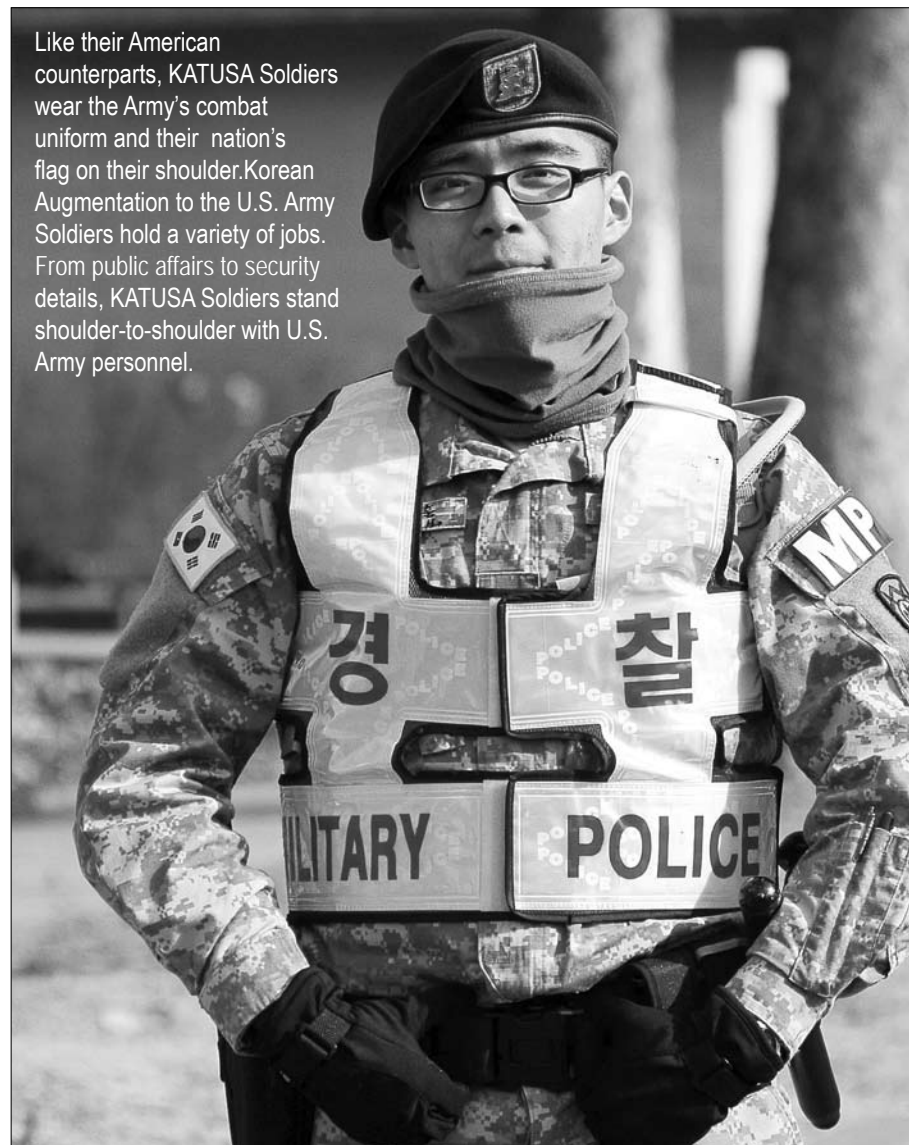
Five major missions the ROKA staff office has are KATUSA management, KATUSA discipline, ROKA-directed training, U.S. and ROK friendship activities and U.S. and ROK liaison work.

KATUSA-U.S. Soldier Friendship Week is an annual event designed to help U.S and KATUSA Soldiers to better understand each other's importance.

In the more than 55 years since the KATUSA program began, more than 250,000 Koreans have served their country as KATUSA Soldiers.

It is a tradition that strengthens their country and the U.S. -ROK military alliance.

Like their American counterparts, KATUSA Soldiers wear the Army's combat uniform and their nation's flag on their shoulder. Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers hold a variety of jobs. From public affairs to security details, KATUSA Soldiers stand shoulder-to-shoulder with U.S. Army personnel.



Lunar New Year, Chuseok, Children's Day...

What to know about the Korean holidays

Chuseok and Lunar New Year may be unfamiliar holidays for visitors to Korea, but they're definitely dates to mark on the calendar. The dates of these two holidays vary each year depending on the lunar calendar. In 2008, Chuseok falls on Sept. 13-15; while Koreans will observe Lunar New Year in February 2009. Both holidays revolve around celebrating with family—usually over several days.

Chuseok is one of Korea's most important holidays. It is an integral cultural celebration in the Land of the Morning Calm, with festivities that Koreans as well as foreigners can enjoy. The celebration is comparable to America's Thanksgiving Day holiday. On both days, families usher in the autumn season with a traditional feast surrounded by loved ones. While turkey and stuffing are familiar Thanksgiving fare for Americans, the Chuseok menu offers an authentic taste of Korean home cooking. Songpyeon, a stuffed rice dish, is a staple of this holiday meal.

Enjoying familiar food and familiar faces is the spirit of both thanksgiving days. During the Chuseok celebration, Koreans set aside time to honor their family's ancestors. Family members will often visit the ancestral graveyard to clear the site of overgrowth as part of the tradition of Beolcho. They also honor their ancestors by preparing a special meal and memorial service during the holiday time.

It's a common practice for Koreans to return to their hometowns over the holidays to be with family, so highways are often overcrowded with traffic, prompting major delays. It's critical to plan ahead if traveling over the holiday week. It's also becoming more common for Koreans to go abroad during Chuseok and Lunar New Year, making traveling in and out of Korea more congested during this time. However, this is an excellent opportunity to visit Korea's many palaces and cultural villages without the usual crowds.

In celebration of the fall harvest and the new year, it is customary among Koreans to give gifts celebrating their blessings. Fruit, for example, is sometimes given among Koreans as a gesture of friendship. However, for U.S. Forces Korea personnel and their families, some gift giving restrictions apply. The following is gift giving guidance from the Installation Management Command Legal Office:

Here in the Republic of Korea, it is important to be especially careful when giving duty-free goods as gifts to persons

not entitled to purchase such items. U.S. Forces Korea Regulations 60-1 and 643-2 provide regulatory guidance for gifts to individuals who do not have ration control privileges, including ROK nationals and ROK organizations not entitled to duty-free privileges. As a general rule, you may give a bona fide gift of duty-free items not exceeding \$50 to persons who do not have ration control privileges. Items that are resold are not gifts and do not qualify under this exception, even if they are under \$50. In addition, certain items are classified as prohibited items and may not be given as gifts, regardless of value:

- Alcoholic beverages of any type that are purchased from a nonappropriated fund outlet may not be given as gifts. This includes alcoholic beverages purchased from an exchange, shopette, club, or Class Six facility.

- No commissary items of any kind, regardless of value, may be given as gifts, even if these items are below \$50. However, an item is not considered prohibited if served as a prepared food or beverage. For example, if you cook a steak dinner at your home for a

Korean guest, you are allowed to serve the steak to your guest even though it was purchased at the Commissary. Similarly, you may open a bottle of wine purchased at an AAFES outlet and serve your guest a glass to enjoy along with the steak dinner.

- Cigarettes and firearms are prohibited items which may not be given as gifts.

- Generally, USFK regulation 643-2 prohibits giving food and commissary items as a gift.

During Chuseok, there is one very limited exception which allows USFK personnel to request approval to give alcohol as a gift to their ROK counterparts, normally on Korean holidays, such as Chuseok and Lunar New Year. Only general and flag officers are authorized to grant approval to USFK personnel to purchase duty-free alcohol, with personal funds, to give as a gift to ROK counterparts. The general or flag officer may delegate this authority to an O-6 level chief of staff and assistant deputy chief of staff. Assuming written approval from a general or flag officer is obtained to make a gift of alcohol, there are still other restrictions to observe: The value of each gift of alcohol must not exceed \$35 and gifts of alcohol are limited to one bottle per year per recipient per donor. Other than this limited exception, the normal rules for gift-giving also apply during Chuseok and

Lunar New Year. For information about gift giving, contact the local legal office.

Chuseok is a time to reflect on all the good Korea has to offer. It's an opportunity to observe this host nation's citizens celebrate

what is meaningful to them. While sharing in the festivities, it is important for personnel assigned to USFK to be mindful of their travel plans and responsible in their actions so Chuseok can be enjoyed by all.

<u>2008 Korean Holidays</u>	
Jan. 1	Solar New Year
Feb. 6	Lunar New Year
Feb. 7	Lunar New Year
Feb. 8	Lunar New Year
March 1	Independence Movement Day
May 5	Children's Day
May 12	Buddha's Birthday
June 6	Memorial Day
July 17	Constitution Day
Aug. 15	Liberation Day
Sept. 13-15	Chuseok
Oct. 3	National Foundation Day
Dec. 25	Christmas Day

Enjoy Morale Welfare and Recreation in Korea

MWR is committed to the well-being of military members stationed throughout the Korean peninsula. We will be there “For All Of Your Life”.

Everyone who knows MWR has a different idea of exactly what MWR does. Some know all about our sports programs, others are familiar with our Child and Youth Activities. But not many people know just how diversified MWR really is, or how much our activities affect their everyday lives.

Korea Region MWR strives to offer our soldiers and their families the programs and services they have come to expect at any stateside installation. From athletic events, recreation centers, and club operations to child care centers, community services, and youth programs MWR is in the business of touching lives, the lives of our soldiers and families who so richly merit the best we have to give.

Visit <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/> for more information on MWR in Korea.

Listed below are a few popular MWR venues:

Golfing

There are three 9-hole Golf Courses located at Camp Walker in Taegu, Camp Red Cloud and Camp Casey. Sung Nam is a world-class 18-hole golf course located 15 miles from Yongsan; free daily transportation is provided. In addition to these golf courses, MWR also has driving ranges located at Yongsan, Camp Casey, Camp Humphreys, Camp Red Cloud, Camp Walker, and Sung Nam.

Easy access and affordable greens fees make golf an enjoyable recreational activity for the military community. MWR golf professionals strive to provide the best and most up-to-date facilities and programs to satisfy the needs of their customers.

Reserve a tee time at <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/Golf.htm>

MWR schedule of events:

- Jul 23-Aug 14 Comedy ROK's with MWR
- Sep 5-6 8th Army Rugby Championships
- Sep 6 8th Army Team Triathlon
- Sep 17-20 8th Army Tennis Championships
- Sep 18-21 Festival of the Performing Arts
- Sep 20 8th Army Track & Field Championships
- Sep 20 8th Army Aerobathon
- Sep 27-28 BOSS Han River Casino Cruise
- Oct 7-10 8th Army Bowling Championships
- Oct 8 Photo Contest Awards Ceremony
- Oct 11 RC Street & Dirt Track Rally
- Oct 11 8th Army Powerlifting Championships
- Oct 18 8th Army Boxing Championships
- Oct 22-25 8th Army Soccer Championships
- Oct 25 8th Army Wrestling Championships
- Oct 29-Nov 1 8th Army Flag Football Championships
- Nov 1 8th Army Tae Kwon Do Championships
- Nov 1-2 Table Tennis Tournament
- Nov 8-10 BOSS Bargain Weekend
- Dec 6-7 Video Gamer's Championship Challenge

Cable TV

Almost every soldier in the USA has access to cable television, and during your tour in Korea that will be no different! MWR operates the Army's only cable television program in the world. This one-of-a-kind quality of life program offers free basic service to residents living on-post on Army installations. Basic Service includes, AFN-Pacific, AFN-News, AFN-Sports, CNN International and several local Korean stations. Residents can also subscribe to a Premium Package that offers a diversified channel line-up that includes movies, more sports, adventure and much more. We have sign-up locations in all four areas. For additional information and current subscription rates call or visit your local MWR Cable TV office.

MWR Cable services are only available on military installations. Authorized viewers residing off-post can take advantage of the AFRTS Direct to Home Service. The necessary equipment to receive this service can be leased from your local AAFES Exchange.

For assistance with your Cable TV reception problems, call:

DSN 738-2288 (CATV)

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Yongsan	738-4617
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Camp Humphreys	753-8401
Camps Long & Eagle	721-2237
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Camp Carroll	765-8993
Camp Henry	768-7112
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Camp Humphreys	753-6706
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Camp Humphreys	753-8547
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Camp Henry	768-8164
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Yongsan Sports Complex	738-4190
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Area III	
Camp Humphreys	754-6291
Area IV	
Camp Walker	764-4601
Korea Region	736-3483

INDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

Area I	
Camp Hovey	730-5708
Camp Red Cloud	732-6553
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Camp Humphreys	753-8835
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Area IV	
Camp Carroll	765-7708
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Area I	
Camp Casey	730-6329
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Camp Humphreys	753-8825
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Suwon AB	788-6020
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Area I	
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Camp Hovey	730-5167
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Area III	
Camp Humphreys	753-8601
Area IV	
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Area I	
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Camp Castle	
Hard ROK	730-3918

Camp Red Cloud	732-6723
Camp Stanley	732-5596
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Yongsan	723-7380
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Camp Long	721-3368
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Camp Carroll	765-8407
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Area I	
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Camp Humphreys	753-6580
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Camp Carroll	765-7722
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Middle/Teen Center	723-8765
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Yongsan	738-4707

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K-16	
Community Club	741-6830
Yong-In	
Yong-In Club	722-3551
Yongsan	
Commiskey's	736-3969
Harvey's Lounge	738-5365
Main Post Club	723-5678
Area III	
Camp Humphreys	
Alaska Mining Co.	754-3101
Gateway Game Room	754-3171
MacGregor's Market	753-7447
Tommy D's	753-7532
Camp Eagle	
Eagle's Nest	721-2277
Area IV	
Camp Carroll	
Henry's Place	768-7300
Hideaway Club	765-8574
Camp Walker	
Evergreen	764-4060
Hilltop	764-4985

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Camp Hovey	730-5125
Camp Red Cloud	732-6246
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K-16	741-6473
Yongsan	723-3291
Area III	
Camp Eagle	721-2331
Camp Humphreys	753-8825
Camp Long	721-3473
Suwon AB	788-6058
Area IV	
Camp Carroll	765-7484
Camp Walker	764-4123
Korea Region	723-8510

Area III	
Camp Humphreys	753-8507
Area IV	
Camp Walker	764-5072

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Area III	753-8820
Area IV	764-5467
Korea Region	725-5227

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Camp Casey	
Carey Field House	730-1730
Hanson Field House	730-3220
Camp Castle	730-3170
Camp Hovey	730-1977
Camp Jackson	732-7590
Camp Red Cloud	732-6309
Camp Stanley	732-5460
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K-16	723-6849
Camp Market	741-6328
Yongsan	722-3350
Collier Field House	736-4588
Trent Gym	724-8466
Area III	
Camp Eagle	753-8807
Camp Humphreys	721-2357
Camp Long	753-8810
Suwon AB	721-3534
Area IV	
Camp Carroll	788-6020
Camp Henry	765-8287
Camp Walker	768-6604
Korea Region	764-4225
	725-5064

YOUTH SPORTS

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Area III	753-5051
Area IV	764-4859
Korea Region	POC725-3207

Better Opportunities for Single (and Unaccompanied) Soldiers

BOSS experience unique to serving in Korea

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, or BOSS, is a dynamic Soldier program in Korea. It is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for single or geographically single Soldiers of all ranks by providing them an effective voice at the installation where they serve. Soldiers and MWR advisors work hand-in-hand with Commanders, Command Sergeants' Major, and First Sergeants to provide superior leisure programs and help direct the resolution of quality of life issues for Soldiers

What is BOSS?

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program supports the overall quality of single and unaccompanied Soldiers' lives. BOSS identifies real Soldier well being issues and concerns by recommending improvements through the chain of command. BOSS encourages and assists single Soldiers in identifying and planning for recreational and leisure activities. Additionally, it gives single Soldiers the opportunity to participate in and contribute to their respective communities.

History of BOSS

The BOSS program was established in 1989 to respond to the recreational needs of single soldiers, who make up 40% of the Army. As the program was implemented throughout the Army, it became evident that well being was the primary concern of single soldiers. In 1991, the Chief of Staff of the Army officially expanded BOSS to include all aspects of soldiers' lives. BOSS members later began to express an interest in participating in community service projects. Recreation and leisure, well being (Quality of Life), and community service are the core

components of the BOSS program.

How Does BOSS Work?

Installations establish a formal BOSS program, to include a BOSS council consisting of single Soldier representatives from installation units. Typically, the installation Command Sergeant Major serves as the senior military advisor to the council. An installation MWR advisor is appointed to provide guidance in planning activities, financial accountability, and marketing. Motivated single Soldiers with strong senior military and MWR guidance are the backbone of the BOSS program.

Who May Participate in BOSS Events?

All events are targeted to the single and unaccompanied Soldier. Although the intent of the BOSS program in Korea is for single and unaccompanied Soldiers; events are typically open to all authorized MWR users.

What Happens to the Issues Raised by BOSS?

Issues addressed during a BOSS meeting will be formatted and submitted to the senior military advisor to seek resolution through the proper command channels or staff agency. Issues that cannot be resolved at the installation level are coordinated with the installation Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) coordinator and may be released by the installation commander to go forward to the major Army command (MACOM) AFAP.

What is the Soldiers' Role in BOSS?

BOSS councils are comprised of single and unaccompanied Soldiers from major subordinate commands and separate units on an installation. Single and unaccompanied Soldiers have and opportunity to become unit representatives, volunteer to assist in planning an event, and/or attend BOSS activities. The Department of the Army BOSS circular 608-04-01 defines the roles of the chain of command and MWR personnel at all levels.

Information courtesy of <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/boss.htm>



A good time is had by all at the BOSS Beach Blast. The annual BOSS event at Daechon Beach is a favorite celebration of Soldiers stationed in Korea.



A USAG-Casey Soldier spins the 'wheel of fortune' to claim a prize after signing up for the BOSS program at the first BOSS Soldiers fair in the USAG-Casey PX parking lot. BOSS is a Korea-wide Army program. — U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Alun Thomas

The BOSS Winter Games is a highlight of the program's special annual events for Soldiers.



BOSS Korea contacts

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Peninsula-wide Worship Services

USAG Red Cloud/Casey Worship Services

Protestant Services

Collective	Sunday	1000	Camp Casey Stone Chapel
	Sunday	1000	Camp Stanley Chapel
	Sunday	1030	Camp Casey West Casey Chapel
	Sunday	1100	CRC Warrior Chapel
	Sunday	1100	Camp Casey Crusader Chapel
	Sunday	1100	Camp Hovey Chapel
Gospel	Sunday	1100	Camp Casey Memorial Chapel
Gospel	Sunday	1100	Camp Stanley Chapel
COGIC	Sunday	1230	CRC Warrior Chapel

KATUSA

Sunday	1930	CRC Warrior Chapel
Sunday	1300	Camp Jackson Auditorium
Tuesday	1900	Camp Stanley Chapel
Tuesday	1840	Camp Casey Stone Chapel
Tuesday	1800	Camp Castle Chapel
Tuesday	1830	Camp Casey Memorial Chapel
Tuesday	1830	Camp Hovey Chapel
Thursday	1830	Camp Casey West Casey Chapel

Catholic Mass

Sunday	1300	Camp Stanley Chapel
Sunday	0900	CRC Warrior Chapel
Sunday	1215	Camp Casey West Casey Chapel
Sunday	0930	Camp Hovey Chapel

Later Day Saints

Sunday	1400	West Casey Chapel
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2ID Division Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Frank R. Spencer:
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USAG-Red Cloud Chaplain (Maj.) Wayne Garcia: 732-6169
USAG-Red Cloud Chaplain (Capt.) Mario Rosario:
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USAG Humphreys Worship Services

Protestant

Collective Protestant

Sunday	1100	Freedom Chapel
	1100	Camp Long Chapel
	1100	Suwon Air Base Chapel
	1100	Camp Eagle Chapel

Gospel

Sunday	1300	Freedom Chapel
Wednesday	1900	Freedom Chapel (Bible Study)

Contemporary

Sunday	1800	Freedom Chapel
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KATUSA

Tuesday	1900	Freedom Chapel
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Catholic

Mass

Daily	1145	Freedom Chapel
Sunday	0930	Freedom Chapel
	1700	Camp Eagle Chapel

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USAG Yongsan Interim schedule (as of June 16)

Catholic Mass

Sunday	1130	Memorial Chapel
	1700	Memorial Chapel
	1700	Memorial Chapel
Saturday	1700	Memorial Chapel
Mon/Thur/Fri	1205	Memorial Chapel
Tues/Wed	1205	121Hospital Chapel
1st Sat.	0900	Memorial Chapel

Jewish

Friday	1900	Memorial Chapel
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Distinctive Faith Group Services

Episcopal	Sunday	1000	Memorial Chapel
UPCI	Sunday	1300	Memorial Chapel
SDA	Saturday	0930	121 Hospital Chapel

Collective Protestant

Sunday	0800	Memorial Chapel
	(Weekly Communion)	
	0930	121 Hospital Chapel
(Korean)	0930	Hannam Village Chapel
	1000	SAHS Auditorium
	1000	Multi Purpose Training Facility (Relying On Christ In Korea)
	1030	K-16 Chapel
	1100	Hannam Village Chapel
	1200	SAHS Auditorium (Gospel)

KATUSA

Thursday	1830	Memorial Chapel
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KCFA

3rd Tues.	1145	Memorial Chapel
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Church of Jesus Latter-Day Saints & Church of Christ information call 738-3011.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David B. Crary (USAG-Y Installation CH):
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Chaplain (Maj.) Adolph G. DuBose (Dep USAG-Y CH):
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Chaplain (Maj.) Leo Mora Jr. (Family Life CH):
leo.mora@korea.army.mil or DSN 736-3018

USAG-Daegu Worship Service

Protestant

Collective	Sunday	1000	Camp Carroll
		1000	Camp Walker
		1000	Camp Henry
		12:45	Camp Walker
		1300	Camp Carroll
Church of Christ		1700	Camp Walker

Collective	Friday	1900	Camp Walker
		1700	Camp Carroll
Korean	Tuesday	1700	Camp Carroll
	Wednesday	1830	Camp Walker

Catholic

Mass	Sunday	0900	Camp Walker
Mass	Sunday	11:30	Camp Carroll
Mass	Saturday	1700	Camp Walker

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MWR Cable TV: A great deal!

IMCOM-Korea MWR

MWR Cable TV offers 58 channels of premium, English language programming to residents on post at a value-priced \$35. The cost remains far below average costs of similar providers due to the MWR subsidy.

The service includes popular programming such as HBO, CNN, FOX News, Nickelodeon, Star World, AFN, and more. A wide and diverse selection is carried by MWR so that Soldiers and Family members are able to find similar entertainment options as they do back home.

The \$2 increase, effective July 1, is due to the increase in fees paid by MWR to the channel networks for the rights to carry their programming. Ron Buss, Cable TV Manager said, “The majority of our providers operate out of foreign countries and the US Dollar has been dropping worldwide. This greatly affects the amount we have to pay operators from Hong Kong, Singapore, and such to provide service to us in Korea.” MWR paid approximately \$4 million dollars in FY 07 to obtain licenses to carry programming such as HBO, CNN, and other popular channels.

Additional operating and maintenance costs such as labor, materials, and energy

have also increased. Technicians service head end satellites and customers on 23 installations. Rising fuel costs have had a significant impact on operational costs.

Monies generated through clubs, bowling centers, and other business operations are used to subsidize \$2 million of the total bill for the cable TV program. The remainder of costs is covered via subscription rates. This time the unfortunate increase was unable to be absorbed by MWR.

The change will be reflected in the July 1 billing statement which will reflect the month’s charges.

Soldiers paying by allotment must change their allotment amounts to ensure bills are paid in full. Those currently paying by credit or debit card will be automatically adjusted. Visit the MWR website at <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/CableTV.htm> to find information on how to change to the preferred credit/debit card method.

Cable TV in Korea is the only U.S. Army MWR owned and operated television program. This one-of-a-kind quality of life program provides entertainment options for those living on-post. For additional information, visit your local MWR Cable TV office or call DSN 738-2288.

USO in Korea

Information courtesy of <http://www.uso.org/korea/>

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USO Mobile Canteen

Want to improve morale in the field for your service members?
Or need music for a unit, company organizational day?
Request the Mobile Canteen to come to your location!!
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Hours of Operation: As Requested
POCS:
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SERVICES:
Internet access, movie viewing, music, karaoke, and more! Will travel to Areas I,II,III,IV!
To Request the Mobile Canteen Email John. Alevato@korea.army.mil
Please include date, time, event, number of participants and support you would like to have

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The FCC Amnesty Plan

Courtesy of IMCOM-K MWR

Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Command has designed June “FCC Amnesty Month” to eliminate unauthorized child care occurring in government housing across the Army. The FCC Amnesty Plan allows individuals who are not currently certified FCC Providers (but are regularly caring for children in government quarters) an opportunity to register with Child and Youth Services without penalty.

During the month of June, persons who come forward and meet the FCC Provider eligibility requirements may continue to provide care while simultaneously going through the FCC certification process. Any other month of the year, persons identified as providing unauthorized child care in government quarters would be required to immediately discontinue care and CYS would assist parents in finding alternative care within CYS programs.

Occupants of government quarters that provide more than ten hours of care per week on a regular basis must be FCC certified. This policy is frequently misunderstood and misinterpreted. Much of the confusion centers on conditions under which a person must become an FCC provider. Both the “10-Hour” and “Regular Basis” conditions must be met for this requirement to apply. For example, if a neighbor cares for a child one hour per day five days per week, they do not need to be certified. If a neighbor

cares for a child five hours per day five days per week, they need to be certified.

The intent of the “1-Hour” rule is not to regulate, restrict, or limit occasional child care among Army families. Short-term care by neighbors is an excellent way to transition between spouses who work different shifts or for soldiers required to work all day Saturday. In fact, “neighbors helping neighbors” is one solution to providing hourly care.

For those who choose to become certified FCC Providers, CYS will provide training and support throughout the process. Certified providers receive food subsidies, subsidies for certain credentials, and start-up supplies and equipment for the FCC Lending Library.

The benefit to parents of using a certified provider is the high quality care their children will receive from these early childhood professionals.

FCC providers are required to pass a background check, take infant/child CPR and First Aid, and their homes are required to meet stringent fire/safety/health standards.

Additionally, providers complete an extensive training program that includes fifteen training modules: safety, health, cognitive, communication, creative, self, program management, families, professional, social, physical, guidance, environments, and child abuse prevention I & II.

To become an FCC Provider or to report unauthorized care, call the garrison CYS program.

Scouting opportunities for boys, girls abound in Korea



Pack 89 parents and Scouts joined together for a pack picnic and 'cross-over' ceremony at Yongsan, June 7. The crossover ceremony is a rite of passage marking the transition from one scouting rank to the next. As each boy advanced, they were provided with uniform accessories and Scouting handbooks by their fellow Scouts. There are many volunteer opportunities available with the Scouts this summer and during the 2008/2009 school year. Volunteer openings include: Leading or assisting with a den of young Scouts, organizing an event for the Pack, or serving on the Pack 89 Committee. All hours count toward the Volunteer Service Medal. Contact Cubmaster, Bill Finn (g8trsx5@aol.com), or Committee Chair, Melinda Sigler (melindasigler@hotmail.com).

To sign up for Boy Scouts, contact the Far East Council, senior district executive, phone: 738-8228 or 4860. For information before you arrive, write: Boy Scouts of America, PSC 450 Box 664, APO AP 96206. Girl Scout troops, generally from 5-year-old Daisies to Seniors, are found in five locations: Yongsan, Osan, Busan, Daegu and Chinhae. For more information or to sign up for Girl Scouts contact the Girl Scout Hut, Yongsan Garrison, at 738-6132. For information before you arrive in Korea write: West Pacific Girl Scouts, Korea Region, PSC 450 Box 629, APO AP 96206.

— U.S. Army Photo By Edward Johnson

IMCOM program seeks 'eagle' mentors

by Mary Tanzer
IMCOM mentoring program manager

Senior leaders are showing fierce loyalty to the Installation Management Command by volunteering to serve as mentors or "eagles," in the Centralized Mentoring Program.

John Maxwell in his recent leadership book, "25 Ways to Win With People," said eagles in organizations find people with great potential and create an environment for them to flourish and emerge as full-fledged leaders. Mentors, or eagles in this case, make things happen, influence others, and equip others to lead. Eagles provide ideas that help the organization, possess a great attitude and live up to their commitments and responsibilities, Maxwell said.

Mentoring provides senior leaders the opportunity to establish legacy, enhance communication skills, provide exposure to new ideas, expand installation management knowledge base, and pass on lessons learned. Some mentors review mentee resumes and provide feedback. They may conduct practice job interviews, discuss leadership books, assist in developing individual development plans, advise on handling job situations, and encourage mentees to reach beyond their comfort zone.

One program highlight is when mentors host their mentees during a one-week shadow assignment that allows them to observe senior leaders during a variety of events, ask questions and network.

The fiscal 2009 Mentoring Program

application period is open through June 23. Senior leader volunteer mentors are being solicited and 30 will be selected as mentors and matched with selected mentees. Mentors will then attend a two-day orientation in October. This program is centrally funded by IMCOM.

Employees who are GS-11 through GS-13, or equivalents, and employees covered by the National Security Personnel System whose positions are equivalent to GS-11 through GS-13, may apply to be matched with senior leaders for the fiscal 2009, formal one-year mentoring partnership.

Mentees complete a one-week shadow assignment, stretch assignments, eLearning courses and regular meetings with their mentors.

Supervisor approval is required for the HCMP. Garrison-level applicants require endorsement from the garrison commanders or managers or the deputy garrison commanders. Region applicants require an endorsement from region director or designee. Applicants at Headquarters IMCOM must obtain their supervisor's and division chief's approval.

Application forms are online at <http://www.imcom.army.mil/site/hr/wfdhcmp.asp>. Send applications by mail or e-mail to the IMCOM mentoring program manager, Mary Tanzer, by June 23. Contact Tanzer at 703-602-5487 or Defense Switched Network 332-5487, or e-mail Mary.Tanzer@hqda.army.mil for more information.